

## NOTICES

**Ladies' night BBQ** from 8pm in the Vicarage on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. Emily is coordinating; please let her know on [emily.clare.lloyd@gmail.com](mailto:emily.clare.lloyd@gmail.com) if you're coming and if you're able to bring a pudding. Jonny is grilling so has been designated an honorary member for one night only.

**Creaky Tower Team:** Thanks so much to everyone who has offered to join the team. We'll have our first chat in September, date TBC. Anyone else that would like to join please feel free to at any time!

**Parish Picnic and Walk:** For our next walk on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August**, led by Kathryn Mathews, we plan to **meet at 11 a.m.** at Toulmin Drive Recreation Ground (AL3 6DZ) and walk through Batch Wood to St Mary's Church, Childwickbury for a picnic lunch in the church garden, arriving around midday. Due to varying dietary requirements, we suggest everyone brings a sandwich for themselves and something sweet to share. Please also bring a chair for the picnic (the picnics and chairs will be driven from the Recreation Ground to St Mary's). Coffee and tea will be available at St Mary's and the Schoolroom is booked in case of rain. Please let Sue know if you're planning to come ([suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)) - all welcome to join us for the walk or for the picnic, where there will be live jazz from our favourite musicians, John and Dave.

**Date for your diary** – the Parish Walk after this will take place on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please watch this space for more information.

**The Bishop of St Albans** is opening his garden at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS on **Sundays** from **9<sup>th</sup> June** until **11<sup>th</sup> August between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. Please note that there are no toilet facilities available. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

The **funeral service for the late Christopher Rolfe** will take place in St Michael's on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 p.m.**

**Music Group** If you play an instrument, of any standard, and would like to support our all-age services accompanying some bits of the service going forward, please let Jonny or Colin know.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this Week

*All services take place at St Michael's unless otherwise stated.*

### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

### Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July

10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

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Welcome to our worship this morning. Junior Church has its end of term celebration in the Parish Centre and Paddock. They go out for this after the first hymn. If you're staying in church the children's corner contains themed-worksheets, books and toys if you'd like to keep little people busy, but there is no obligation to use it! If you need privacy (e.g. nappy change) the Tower Room is available and has sound relay of the service.

**Toilets** are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard; please see a steward for access. All are welcome to stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

### **Collect**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **Between the readings the choir sings Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd :  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture :  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
He shall convert my soul :  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.  
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

he apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Today's Anthem**

Praise to God in the highest,  
Bless us, O Father, praise to Thee.  
Guide and prosper the nations, rulers and people, praise to Thee.  
May the truth in its beauty flourish triumphant, praise to Thee.  
May the good be obeyed, and evil be conquered, praise to Thee.  
Give us laughter, and set us gaily rejoicing, praise to Thee.  
Peace on Earth and good will be ever amongst us, praise to Thee.  
Praise to God in the highest,  
Bless us O Father, Praise to Thee.

### **Russian Tune arr. S.S Campbell**

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

- The staff of St Albans District Council
- The governors of Townsend School
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Lynne Crade, Chris Rolfe and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Authors of devotional material*