

# NOTICES



St Michael with St Mary

**Jonny** will be taking a break for the next three weeks, returning on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. For any pastoral needs during this time, please contact our Assistant Priest, John Bannister, on [johnlbannister@gmail.com](mailto:johnlbannister@gmail.com). The office will be open as usual during this period for other enquiries.

The funeral service for **the late Terry Beaumont** will take place in **St Michael's on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 12.00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend and then join Yvonne and family in the Parish Centre after the service for refreshments and share your memories of Terry with them.

**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!

**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.

**Bag Blessing 1<sup>st</sup> September** – Our next all-age service will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September with the annual blessing of bags for the new school and work year. Bring a friend and bring a bag! This will be followed by the junior church picnic in the vicarage; please let Jonny know if you're planning to come.

## Michaelmas 2024

### **"Come and Sing" - the music of Charles Villiers Stanford**

marking the centenary of the death of Stanford, whose church music has inspired generations of choristers in Cathedrals and Parish Churches

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September      Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Rehearsal, Tea and Evensong      Morning Eucharist and Evensong (at St Mary's Childwickbury)

**Singers of all parts are invited and welcomed to "Come and Sing"**

Please email [music@parishofstmichaels.org.uk](mailto:music@parishofstmichaels.org.uk)  
to register your interest and to receive further details

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August

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

### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Thirteenth 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 is on its summer break, and restarts on the 1<sup>st</sup> September with the Bag Blessing service and Junior Church picnic in the vicarage garden after church.

In the meantime, 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**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6**

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
'You that are simple, turn in here!'  
To those without sense she says,  
'Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.'

### **Gospel Reading: John 6: 51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last

day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, receive our offering, and may this sacrifice of praise purify us in mind and heart and make us always eager to serve you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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

- All who are travelling; for safe journeys and homecomings
- In the parish: all who live in Jerome Drive, Rowlatt Drive, Windridge Close
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Pam Dickens, 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, Terry Beaumont, John Mayne and Chris Rolfe and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who work with Relate*