

NOTICES

The ever-popular parish **Animal Service** will take place at **St Mary's on Sunday, 15th September at 3.00 p.m.** and will be held outside St Mary's Childwick, AL3 6JJ. A simple half-hour service to thank God for creation and to pray for animal welfare. If you have a pet that you would like to be blessed, please bring it with you. If your pet is nervous around people, please bring a photo and we can pray with that instead. Please keep all dogs on leads

Parish Walk and Lunch: Kathryn Mathews will lead the next walk along part of the Nickey Line, meeting in **Redbourn at 11am on Thursday 26th September** at the car park on West Common Road near the Cricketers Pub (AL3 7ND). All welcome to join us for the walk or for lunch afterwards at the Portland Arms, arriving between 12.30 and 1pm. We will receive a menu nearer the time and need to advise Caz of our choices so please let Sue know you're coming - suecvaughan@btinternet.com.

Pub in the Park: If you have encountered any issues when arriving to worship today, please let Val or Mark know on chiesa@btinternet.com or wincleslodge@gmail.com respectively.

A pair of pink framed glasses have been found in the Parish Centre and handed in to the Office. If these are yours, please call in during working hours (9.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) to collect them.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 8th September 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 11th September

9.30 a.m. St Michael's School Service
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 15th September 2024 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist
3.00 p.m. Animal Service (St Mary's)

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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 28th September Sunday 29th 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
to register your interest and to receive further details

Welcome to our worship this morning. All are welcome to stay for refreshments after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

Toilets are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard; please see a steward for access.

Our young people go out for Junior Church, ages from 0-5 and 5-secondary, in the Parish Centre this morning. All young people are welcome to go along, and do take an adult if you'd be more comfortable!

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.

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children

be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts of your Church. May this eucharist help us grow in holiness and faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Artists and poets, especially those working in the Christian tradition
- 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 Roberto Pagliarulo and Ken Souch and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All those who care for those suffering with dementia*