

# NOTICES

**Parish Walk and Lunch:** Kathryn Mathews will lead the next walk along part of the Nickey Line, meeting in **Redbourn at 11am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com).

**Fleetville Harmony** are giving a concert in **St Michael's** church on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m.** Fleetville Harmony is an acapella group singing a wide range of popular music, from Verdi to Neil Diamond, spirituals to swing. Donations will be welcomed at the door in support of the "creaky tower" fund.

## Services for Michaelmas

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 4.30pm - Festal Evensong**

This service is after our 'Come & Sing Stanford' workshop.

**Rehearsal 2pm** of music for the weekend for all singers, then **Evensong at 4.30** followed by tea and cake in the Parish Centre.  
If you have any cakes lying about do let the vicar know...

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am – Parish Eucharist**

Both services will incorporate music by Stanford to celebrate his centenary (1852-1924)

Please mark these in your diary to celebrate our Patronal Festival, and support our musicians.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this Week

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

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September (Michaelmas Eve)**

4.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)**

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9.30 a.m. Patronal Eucharist  
3.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

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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**

Gracious God,

you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief

and banish our anxieties

with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Old Testament Reading: James 3: 13 to 4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

### **Gradual – Psalm 54**

Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me: and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, receive these offerings chosen from your many gifts. May these mysteries make us holy and lead us to eternal joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anthem**

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.

Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!

On thy loving grace relying,

For the bread of life I'm sighing.

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,

Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me,

May my soul be blended with thee.

*GF Handel*

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

- All working in mental health services
- The new St Michael's Scholars and their families
- 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 and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *For all who lead and attend Youth Clubs*