

NOTICES

Creaky Tower Fund A big thank you to Fleetville Harmony and all who came to support their concert last Saturday. Proceeds were split between our tower fund and Herts Youth Homelessness; for the tower we raised £360 in donations, with another £72.50 from the associated giftaid. Every little really does help in reaching our target of £150,000 and it's not too late to donate! Just follow this link: <https://shorturl.at/GIT9Y>

Parish Centre Refurbishment: The Parish Centre will be closed for a major refurbishment from **Monday 21st October** to **Friday 8th November**. Sunday coffee on the 27th October and 3rd November will be served in the Tower Room. Thanks for your patience during this period.

Stewards/Welcomer Training We are having a refresher training session for all stewards/welcomers on **Saturday 26th October at 10.00 a.m.** This is a hugely important ministry for our church community, so please do also come if you would like to become a welcomer on Sundays.

Holy Pumpkin Trail This was hugely successful last year and drew hundreds to join in our safe 'trick or treating trail' between St Michael's and the Abbey, finishing with crafts and a short service giving thanks to God for the gift of the saints, the 'Hallows' who share God's light in the world. We hope to offer this again on the **31st October between 5.00 and 6.00 p.m.**, so if you are able to volunteer to be a 'treat station' please Jonny know.

As visitor numbers are increasing steadily, **Centre 33** is looking for additional volunteers to cook and serve breakfasts and evening meals. If you would like to know more, please call or text 07900 051956 or email chairman@centre33.org or apply direct at <https://www.centre33.org/application-form>

3rd November at 6.00 p.m. in St Michael's - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the departed. If you would like one or more loved ones remembered by name at this service, please send an email containing the Christian and Surname(s) to Georgie on Admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk with **Commemoration Service** in the title line **by 31st October** at the very latest please.

Date for your Diary: The next **Parish Walk** is planned for **Wednesday 30th October** in Gadebridge, Hemel Hempstead, followed by a pub lunch nearby – more details to follow.

SUNDAY PARISH EUCHARIST INTERCESSORS. There will be a training and refresher session on **Saturday 9th November at 10am in St Michael's** for all involved with leading intercessions. Anyone else who is interested in leading intercessions is also invited to attend.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 13th October 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 16th October

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

Sunday, 20th October 2024 Twenty-first 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. Our young people go out after the first hymn for their services in the Parish Centre- there are groups for ages 0-5 and 5-12. If you would like to know more please do speak to a welcomer or one of the clergy.

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 welcomer for access.

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

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Between the readings the choir sings Psalm 90 vv12-17

So teach us to number our days :
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last :
and be gracious unto thy servants.
O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon :
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us :
and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
Shew thy servants thy work :
and their children thy glory.
And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us :
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handywork.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Anthem: Ave Verum - William Byrd 1543-1623

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts. By offering what you have given us may we receive the gift of yourself. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- All suffering because of natural disasters, and those who work to bring relief.
- All working for the cause of peace.
- Care workers in homes and the community.
- Georgia and Imogen, who had a blessing and naming celebration last week, and their family.
- Worshippers who live outside the parish
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Pam Dickens, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- Anne Fletcher, Mavis Lightowler, Susan Tobin, and all the recently departed and those who mourn them
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Children who share their faith*