

# NOTICES

**The Full Revision** of our **Electoral Roll** runs until **27<sup>th</sup> April**. Electoral Roll application forms are now available at both churches so please take one if you wish to be included on the new Roll. Please **either** put your completed form through the office letterbox **or, if you wish**, scan your signed form and send a copy (pdf preferred, please) to **Georgie** on [admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk) with **ER FORM** as the title.

**The St Albans International Organ Festival** will take place in July this year, including two concerts at St Michael's. Twenty young organists from all over the world take part in the Interpretation and Improvisation Competitions and stay in local households. Supporting a competitor can be a fun and rewarding experience and in grateful thanks, the IOF Board offers benefits including complimentary tickets and invitations to receptions. If you're able to offer B&B for any length of time from 2<sup>nd</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> July, Sue Vaughan would love to hear from you - [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com) or 01727 811443.

**St Michael's needs you.** We need to elect new wardens and a treasurer at the APCM in May. These are interesting and fulfilling roles as part of the team of paid and volunteer staff who support Jonny to keep the parish running, so please don't assume you haven't the time or skills needed. Instead, talk to Val, Mark, or Nigel to find out more about what's involved.

**John Hayton** has been in his words 'out of action' for some time but would like to come to St Michael's on Easter Day. Could anyone offer a lift to church from 12 Kingshill Avenue (off the Ridgeway?)

**Friends of St Michael's** The theatre company OVO have kindly agreed to offer their support by donating some of the ticket proceeds from a performance of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Roman Theatre on 1st July to the Friends. In order to activate the donation, you will need to enter **FOSMRTF25** in the promotional code field during the checkout process when making the booking and OVO will give the Friends of St Michael's £10 for each ticket sold. This is the link to the website: <https://tinyurl.com/5h74794b>

As you have seen in the news, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake, followed by a second 6.4 magnitude earthquake, struck central Myanmar, one of the world's lowest-income countries. This has left people devastated and in need of drinking water, food and shelter. Christian Aid has been supporting trusted partner organisations in Myanmar for decades and have launched an appeal for donations. For more information about ways to donate, including a QR code, please see the poster on the table by the church entrance.



ST MICHAEL WITH ST MARY

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Passion Sunday

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

### Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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

### Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Palm Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Procession from Lower School
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

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Welcome to our worship this morning. Our Junior Church (for primary aged worshippers) goes out for their worship in the parish centre during the first hymn. Please gather by the font ready to take the candles and go.

The children's corner also 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 welcomer 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**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### **The choir sings Psalm 126**

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.  
Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.  
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.  
Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south.  
They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.  
He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him

### **Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

### **Musical reflection after the sermon**

Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beautiful feet  
Which brought from Heaven, The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance, Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods, Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let His eye See sin, but through my tears.

*Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)*

*Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

### **Anthem during Communion**

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

*John 3 v16 & 17*

*Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, we offer you these gifts which bring us peace and joy. Increase our reverence by this eucharist, and bring salvation to the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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

- Our mothers and those who have been carers to us in our lives.
- All feeling a sense of call to ordination as deacon or priest in the church.
- Florists and flower farmers and suppliers. Giving thanks for their hard work and skill.
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Jacqui Follett, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Cora Marie Varshney
- All the recently departed, and those who mourn them.
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Courage to live the one's faith as a witness to others*