

NOTICES

Ladies' Night - We are very excited that the **Rev'd Jos Perris**, longtime school chaplain and now assistant priest in the Langley team ministry is coming to talk to us on **Wednesday, 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**, about Transforming the Challenges of Lent to a time of Hope. There will be drinks and nibbles and, guided by Jos, it will be a great opportunity to delve a bit deeper into what Lent means to us. Please email emily.clare.lloyd@gmail.com if you would like to come. As always, if you or someone else would like to be added to our email list, please let Emily know.

The Full Revision of our **Electoral Roll** starts **TODAY** and runs until **27th 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 with **ER FORM** as the title.

Saturday 5th April: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. If you can spare some time to help either in the churchyard or in the church, it would be very much appreciated. For more information, please get in touch with **Andrew** on **07521 955289 (churchyard)** or **Jane** on janelarman@sky.com (**cleaning**).

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 2nd - 20th July, Sue Vaughan would love to hear from you - 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.



ST MICHAEL WITH ST MARY

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Florence and Harry Sizer
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

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

Sunday, 6th April 2025

Passion Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist
- 6.00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (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. We rejoice that today we celebrate the baptisms of Florence and Harry- welcome to all their supporters!

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

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10

At that time the Israelites grew in number in the land of Egypt, and so Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said... She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Anthem during Communion

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

Hail, true body,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Truly suffered, sacrificed
On the Cross for mankind,
Whose pierced side
Flowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the trial of death.

W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

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.
- Florence and Harry Sizer who are baptized today at St Michael's, and their parents and godparents as they support them in their journey of Christian faith
- 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: *All who lead Bible Study Groups*