

# NOTICES

**ELECTORAL ROLL** - The Roll **closed on 27<sup>th</sup> April** and the new roll is displayed at the back of both churches. New names cannot be added until **after** the Annual Church Meetings on **18<sup>th</sup> May**. Please take a moment to check if your name is shown and if not, fill in an Application Form (at the back of both churches) and **either** put your completed form through the office letterbox **or, if you wish**, send a scanned copy (pdf preferred, please) to **Georgie** (see contacts) **with ER FORM** as the title. Once the Roll has been re-opened, your details will be added.

**Emily** will be completing her parish placement at St Michael's at the end of May. As she prepares for her ordination to the diaconate and her new ministry as curate at St Saviour's, you are invited to contribute to a monetary gift towards the purchase of clerical clothing as a token of the good wishes of the Parish. Please, pass your donation - cash only please - to John Bannister or Georgie by 16<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

**Enquirers' Course:** A five-week course open to anyone who wants to understand what the Christian faith is about. No commitment required at the end, we will simply engage in intelligent exploration. Tuesday evenings, 8pm from 6<sup>th</sup> May. Email Jonny to sign up/know more (see contacts).

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night: 7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start at the Memorial Hall, Branch Road, AL3 4SS.** An ideal opportunity to get a team together to test your knowledge. The cost is **£10 per person (£5 for students)** and teams are **a maximum of 8 people** per table. There will be a raffle, bar and snacks available, cash or card welcome. Please pick up a flyer from the back of either St Michael's or St Mary's and use the QR code to book your tickets. Alternatively, please contact **Steph on 07788580519** for help with booking. Thank you for your support. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the **Creaky Tower Fund**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 3.00 p.m. at the Cathedral.** There will be a Farewell Service for Bishop Alan, all are welcome to attend. If you wish to make a contribution towards the gift which will be presented at this service, the information is as follows:

**Account Name:** St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance **Account Number:** 20776041  
**Sort Code:** 20-05-03 **Reference:** BISH2025 (please note that without this reference funds will not be allocated to the gift)

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – the annual St Michael's Folk Night event from 7.00 p.m.**

St Michael's bellringers will signal the start of the event, and we will once again welcome the SwanVesta Social Club to the churchyard. Delicious food and beer will be available. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the **Creaky Tower Fund**. Watch this space for further details.



ST MICHAEL WITH ST MARY

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Third Sunday of Easter

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

### Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

### Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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. We worship all together as one church family today, but the children's corner contains themed-worksheets, books and toys if you'd like to keep little people busy; 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 steward 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**

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52 7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of

Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, receive these gifts from your Church. May the great joy you give us come to perfection in heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

- Gardeners, amateur and professional.
- All exploring membership of the Christian Church, that they may be strengthened by the Spirit and find a community of support, love, and encouragement in their faith. That God help us in St Michael's and St Mary's to be such a place.
- 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 serve as Street Angels*