

# NOTICES

**The St Albans Half Marathon** and Fun Run will take place **next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**. As usual this will make parking and access around St Michael's a little more challenging. However, spaces should have been reserved at top school and in the Museum car park for those attending the 9:30 service. Please inform the traffic management staff on duty that you are attending a church service and you will be let through. If you experience any problems with access, please inform a church warden or steward. Bluehouse Hill will be closed, so please come via Branch Road/Fishpool Street.

**Parking** from June will be available in the St Michael's Top School playground. We need a steward on the gate to help people maximise the use of spaces from about 9 to 9.30am - if you're willing to take on a session every now and again please contact Ken Young on [kenyoung22@hotmail.com](mailto:kenyoung22@hotmail.com). Thanks to all who have volunteered already.

**TODAY - In support of Christian Aid**, there will be a cake sale in the Parish Centre **after the 9.30 a.m. service**. Can you bake (or buy) a cake or make some small cakes, muffins or the such-like to help raise funds for Christian Aid? If you are making cakes, please label them if they contain nuts or other items to which people may be allergic.

Our **next Parish Walk** will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**, meeting at the Parish Centre at 11am. Led by Kathryn Mathews, we will walk round Verulamium (new sights to see!) and have lunch at the Inn on the Park. Please let Sue Vaughan know if you want to join us - all welcome, including dogs - [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 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](mailto:janelarman@sky.com) (cleaning).

**The ELECTORAL ROLL is now open to accept new members.** If you are a regular worshipper and wish to join the Roll, please 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 so that we can add your details.

**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 drink will be available. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the church. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025: Sunday after Ascension

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m. All-Age Parish Eucharist followed by Cake Sale in aid of Christian Aid
- 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (St Mary's)

### Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025: Pentecost

- 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. There's no junior church on all-age Sundays, but the children's corner also 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, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 1: 6-11**

So when Jesus and the disciples had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

### **Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

### **Anthem during Communion**

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.  
*Psalm 47 v5; extract from anthem by William Croft (1678-1727)*

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we offer in faith and love. May this eucharist bring us to your glory. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

- All students sitting exams
- The people of Liverpool
- Farmers and agricultural workers
- Davis and Shannon married this week.
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Jacqui Follett, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Marion Mackay-Grant, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Paul Williams, Cora Marie Varshney
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Places of Pilgrimage in the United Kingdom*