

# NOTICES

**Following 20 plus years** of being the Parish Administrator, **Georgie** will be retiring on **Friday. 4<sup>th</sup> July**. We are currently looking for a replacement but, in the meantime, if you can help with general office work, please get in touch with either Jonny or Steph.

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – the annual St Michael's Folk Night event from 7.00 p.m.** Come and enjoy this fabulous occasion! 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. Anyone that has a spare half an hour to offer the bar please contact Jonny.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** This will be the first session of the new season; please see the list on the noticeboard outside the Parish Centre for future dates. There will be plenty to do in the churchyard after the winter break and also cleaning the church as part of our welcome for worshippers and visitors. For more information, please get in touch with Andrew on 07521 955289 (churchyard) or Jane on [janelarman@sky.com](mailto:janelarman@sky.com) (cleaning).

**Wimbledon Men's Final 13<sup>th</sup> July** Adam and Jill Singer have kindly offered their cinema room in the Bothy at Kingsbury Manor so we can host an event for friends, former friends, and future friends to watch the Wimbledon Men's Singles Final, enjoy drinks and nibbles, and raise money for the Friends of St Michaels. Tickets will cost £50 per person for which you will get plenty of drinks, food, and great company while you watch the final. If the weather is kind, we can also sit by the river before and after the match. We are limiting the numbers to around 20 so it will be first come first served.

This year the final starts at 16.00 and we will be 'opening the doors' at 15.30. There is parking at the Manor if you need it. To secure a ticket or for more information contact Charles Naylor at [thesallylunn@me.com](mailto:thesallylunn@me.com)

Our next **Parish Walk** will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11am**. Led by Kathryn Mathews, we plan to walk round Rothamsted Park (a different walk from last time!) and have lunch at the Research Centre Café again - a large, airy space with outside seating, serving good hot and cold food. Directions to the meeting place to follow. Please let Sue Vaughan know if you'd like to join us - all welcome - [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

**Parking** is now available in the St Michael's Top School playground. If you're willing to steward occasionally on the gate to help people maximise the use of spaces from about 9 to 9.30am please tell Jonny or contact Ken Young on [kenyoung22@hotmail.com](mailto:kenyoung22@hotmail.com)

**Radio 4 Sunday Worship 6<sup>th</sup> July 8am** The 33rd St Albans International Organ Festival opens with a live broadcast from St Peter's, led by the Vicar, Mark Dearnley with guest preacher the Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly and a focus on the role of organs in worship. All welcome to attend via free ticket- to get one visit: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/bbc-sunday-worship-from-st-peters-church>



ST MICHAEL WITH ST MARY

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025: Saints Peter and Paul

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

### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

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

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025: Third Sunday after Trinity

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

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A very warm welcome to our worship this morning, especially if you are visiting or here for the first time.

Junior Church for primary aged children meets in the Parish Centre during the first part of the service- if you would like to join please meet by the font at the beginning of the service to go out during the first hymn. Parents are welcome to go too to accompany smaller children.

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**

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 12: 1-11**

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the people were expecting."

### **Between the readings we stay seated as the choir sings Psalm 125**

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion :  
which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem :

even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous :

lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

Do well, O Lord :

unto those that are good and true of heart.

As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness :

the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-19**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Father may we celebrate the eucharist with reverence and love, for when we proclaim the death of the Lord you continue the work of his redemption, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Anthem during Communion**

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be. We ask them whence their victory came: they, with one united breath, ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

*Words: Isaac Watts*

*Music: Ernest Bullock*

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

- Those persecuted for their faith in Christ, praying especially for house churches in Iran.
- Those exploring God's call on their lives
- All to be ordained next week at Petertide, including Emily from this parish
- 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: *Those approaching retirement*