

St Michael with St Mary



CHRIST *the* KING

Services this week

Sunday, 21st November 2021

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9am Morning Prayer (by Zoom - code via kennethpadley@gmail.com)

Wednesday

- 9.00 a.m. School Service (St Michael's)
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

Sunday, 28th November 2021 - Advent Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
- 5.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service (St Michael's)**
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Contacts

Key information is available on www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk or via the Parish Office:
01727 835037 (9.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Resources for today's 9.30am service

Children's groups are running in the school. The children's corner in the North Aisle contains themed-worksheets, books and toys. Parents please remain responsible for your children in this space. If your child needs time-out or 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 stay for refreshments after the service in the Parish Centre.

As I watched,
thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice :
the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Psalm 93

Resources for today's 9.30am service

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1: 4b-8

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

John 18: 33-37

During Communion the choir will sing:

Above all praise and all majesty, Lord thou reignest evermore, Hallelujah.
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Allan Plumpton, Shoba Ponnapa, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett, Barbara Woodward
- for healing and wholeness: Peter Loyd
- those who mourn the death of Reginald (Bill) Shakespeare

Notices

It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout from St Michael's and St Mary's last Tuesday to support Charles, Anke and Hannah with prayer and best wishes in their new roles in Knebworth. I have every confidence that Charles will be a huge blessing to the parish and a great fit as their new priest-in-charge, building on what he has done with us over the last three years. **Kenneth**

An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke: 8pm Thursday 25th November in the Parish Centre. The new Church year which begins at Advent will source most of the Sunday gospel readings from St Luke. This evening session, led by Kenneth Padley, is an opportunity to get ahead of the lectionary by offering an overview of the third evangelist, his context and priorities. The Christmas shepherds, Mary's song the Magnificat, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus up his tree, and the Easter Day journey to Emmaus – these and more are stories unique to Luke. Come to this evening and find out why Luke wanted to share them with us and what they might mean for today.

John Bannister and I will soon be meeting with a small team to explore the relaunch of a **Tuesday morning parent and toddler group**. Please talk with us to find out more about this opportunity for service and outreach and - even better! - come along to join that conversation on **Tuesday, 7th December, 9.30-10.30am** in the Parish Centre. **Kenneth**

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 28th November: Advent Carol Service at St Michael's at 5.00 p.m.

Thursday, 9th December: Advent Late: icons, candles, stillness - just call in between 8.00 and 9.30 p.m.