



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week
Sunday, 23rd January 2022

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
- 11.15 a.m. Exploring Christianity group (Adults; 2/6; St Michael's)
- 6.00pm Evensong (St Mary's)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9.00 a.m. 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, 30th January 2022

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
- 6.00pm 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 Church for school years R - 6 is running in the Parish Centre.

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.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:1-5

The choir will sing words from Psalm 36

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens :
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains :
thy judgements are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God :
and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house :
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life :
and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee :
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

Resources for today's 9.30am service

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2: 1-11

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett, Barbara Woodward
- for **healing and wholeness**: Peter Loyd
- those **mourning** the death of Elizabeth Hewitt

Notices

Thank you very much to the 49 respondents to the **Time and Talents survey**, a key part of our 2021 Giving Campaign as we emerge from coronavirus. The overall response indicates that St Michael's and St Mary's remain strong, with many hours being offered in generous service of God and the Church, and with some wishing to find out more about new ways of getting involved. The returns have been analysed by Godfrey Davey whose report will be received by the relevant committees / teams in due course. Where respondents have asked for more information about an aspect of parish life, contacts will be passed to the lead on this ministry and someone may get in touch with you. Please continue to pray and work for our life together in this season of rebuilding.

Churches Together in St Albans will be holding a **Service of Prayer for Christian Unity** 4-5pm on Sunday January 23rd. This is part of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: *We saw his star in the East*. The service will include opportunities to share on such questions as "Have we seen anything new on the horizon? / Can we journey together? / How do we feel about asking others for direction?" The service is by Zoom – access code and other forthcoming CTSA events are listed on <https://ctstalbans.org.uk/>

Kenneth will be giving a talk for the Cathedral Study Centre on '**Crete as a microcosm of Europe**: one island as a window onto a continent'. The talk will be by Zoom, 7.30-9pm on **Thursday 3rd February**. For further information and booking, please search the Adult Learning pages of the Cathedral website.

St Albans Deanery Synod has organized an open presentation and discussion about youth welfare and spirituality as we emerge from the pandemic. With **Christian Cole**, Youth Missioner for the Diocese of St Albans, and **David Barker**, CEO of Youth Talk. **Tuesday 8th February at 7.30 p.m. at St Saviour's** (ALI 4DF).

John Bannister is local convener for the **World Community of Christian Meditation**. He is organising a Day of Gathering for any interested in learning more about this form of prayer. 10am – 3.30pm on Wednesday 16th February at St Mary's Childwick. Spaces are limited so booking is required - please contact John on 07788 562488 or johnlbannister@gmail.com

The Friends of St Michael's Church **charity night at the Abbey Theatre** on **Thursday 24th February** has sold out. To join the waiting list for tickets please contact Membership Secretary Guy Marshall on guymarshall31@yahoo.co.uk

The next season of St Michael's **Churchyard Working Parties** will start on 5th March - are you able to come along and help? There are many small jobs to do, especially at the start of the season, and any help you can give would be very much appreciated. To know more, please contact Jim Mann on 0770324375.

Please check your spam if you have yet to receive the Readers, Intercessors or Servers **rota** for Jan - April: these were issued in December from Kenneth's email.

Did you provide your Harvest donation for **FEED** in re-usable plastic boxes? If you wish to retrieve them, they are available for collection from the FEED warehouse.