



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 6th March 2022: First Sunday of Lent

- 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; 5/6; St Michael's)
- 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom - code via kennethpadley@gmail.com)

Tuesday

8–9.30 p.m. Evening Lent Group
(by Zoom - code via Mark Pedroz on wincheslodge@gmail.com)

Wednesday

- 9.00 a.m. School Service (St Michael's)
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 11.15 a.m. Daytime Lent Group (Parish Centre)

Sunday, 13th March 2022: Second Sunday of Lent

- 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; 6/6; 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 meet in the Parish Centre alongside the 9.30am service during term time.

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 see a steward for access.

Please stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy (OT p.170 in the Pew Bibles)

The choir will sing from Psalm 91:

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High :

shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold :

my God, in him will I trust.

For thou, Lord, art my hope :

thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee :

neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee :

to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands :

that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder :

the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him :

I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him :

yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him :

and shew him my salvation.

New Testament Reading:

But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that

Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be

saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the

mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to

shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all

and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord

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shall be saved.'

Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel Reading:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4: 1-13

During Communion the choir will sing

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

Words from Psalm 27

Music by Richard Farrant (d.1580)

Please remember in your prayers

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

Notices

Thank you so much for the warm congratulations and best wishes received over the last few days on the news of our move to Salisbury. We have made many friends in St Albans and will miss you all deeply. Do get in touch if you are passing through Wiltshire!

Kenneth and Anna and Alex

For your diary:

- Kenneth, Anna and Alex will be saying farewell to St Michael's and St Mary's during the **9.30am Parish Communion on Sunday 29th May**.
- You are warmly invited to Kenneth's installation as Canon Treasurer in Salisbury Cathedral at **Evensong, 4.30pm on Sunday 12th June**.

Like many churches, St Michael's and St Mary's will keep the **season of Lent** as a time of reflection and repentance. This year we are encouraging you to dig deeper into the things of God through **The Little Book of Lent** (ed. Arthur Howells), a compilation of readings for each day of the season written by famous twentieth- and twenty-first-century Christians. We will be exploring these passages in **Lent Groups**. There will be:

- an **evening group running on Zoom**, five Tuesdays from March 8th to April 5th, 8–9.30pm. Zoom code circulated on the latest parish email circular and is available from Mark Pedroz (wincheslodge@gmail.com)
- a **daytime group running in the Parish Centre**, five Wednesdays from March 9th to April 6th. The group will start at 11.15am but you may wish to begin this morning at the 10.30am Holy Communion in church, and/or conclude with a simple soup and roll lunch at 12.15am. Expressions of interest please to bronwenparr@hotmail.com – especially if you would like to stay for lunch afterwards.

Each group will use the same material so participants are welcome and encouraged to work between the two groups if this suits their busy schedules. We are asking that participants buy their own copy of *The Little Book of Lent*, mindful that some parishioners may already have copies from when we last used this resource in 2016.

We look forward to supporting parishioners as they affirm their faith during a service of **Baptism and Confirmation** during the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion at St Michael's on Sunday, 20th March. To be led by Bishop Stephen Venner.

After a pause in January, **Men's Night** is back. All welcome: we look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, 10th March at The Six Bells from 8:30pm onwards**.