

NOTICES

The funeral of the late **Peter Bell** will take place at St Michael's on **Friday, 2nd September at 10.00 a.m.**

Elaine Lawrence wishes to thank all who have so kindly supported her after the death of her husband, Brian, on 6th August.

Do you have some spare time on **Thursday, 1st September** to help clean the church in preparation for the funeral of the late Peter Bell the following day? If you can provide an extra pair of hands to help, please get in touch with Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com **Please note:** the regular church cleaning session will also take place on 3rd September in preparation for the wedding taking place later that day.

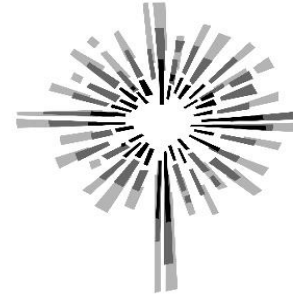
PCC on **Wednesday, 7th September** will be preceded by a special Section 11 meeting to approve the parish profile and appointment procedures for our new incumbent. Please ask Val or Mark or any PCC members if you have any further questions.

A concert for Ukraine, organised by Livy Naylor (a member of the congregation), will be held on **Saturday, 10th September at 7.00 pm. at St Stephen's church** so that the music will not be interrupted by the noise created by the Pub in the Park event. All proceeds raised will support both Herts Welcomes Refugees and the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. If you wish to buy tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-concert-for-ukraine-tickets-392561129907> or to know more, contact Livy on 07585 559420.

The Pub in the Park event will take place over **the weekend of 9th – 11th September** in Verulamium Park starting on Friday evening (9th) and finishing on Sunday afternoon (11th). We are assured that there will be some parking for parishioners attending church on **Sunday, 11th September** and for groups using the Parish Centre. Please make yourselves known to the stewards and let Mark know on wincheslodge@gmail.com of any problems.

The **Animal Service** will take place at **St Mary's on Sunday, 11th September at 11.30 a.m.** The ever-popular parish Animal Service will be held outside St Mary's Childwick, AL3 6JJ. A simple half-hour service to thank God for creation and to pray for animal welfare. If you have a pet that you would like to be blessed, please bring it with you. If your pet is nervous around people, please bring a photo and we can pray with that instead. Please keep all dogs on leads.

Lime plastering in St Michael's – Update. We are pleased to let you know that work on the Chancel and other areas is almost complete and we anticipate the removal of most of the temporary floor covering. However, work will still be taking place in the Lady Chapel until at least October, so please bear with us.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 28th August 2022: Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion with Holy Baptism (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd John Bannister
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

Sunday, 4th September 2022: Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd Ruth Goatly
- 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (St Mary's)

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays

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)

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: Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 (NT p.211 in the Pew Bibles)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (NT p.71 in the Pew Bibles)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Michael Hogben, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- those who mourn the deaths of Baby Joshua Arnold, Peter Bell, Brian Lawrence and Jennifer Woolfenden