

## NOTICES

**Vacancy Process Update.** The last meeting of the PCC included a Section 11 meeting which adopted the Parish Profile and appointed the Churchwardens as Parish representatives in the appointment process which will be made by the Patron and Diocese. It also approved advertising in The Church Times, and the advertisement has now appeared. The process is of course confidential, but help will be required on the day of the Interview, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, and your prayers are invited for the person who is being called to our parish.

The Parish Profile is available to read on our website and is available in hardcopy in both Church's.

**9<sup>th</sup> October – HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> October this year, if anyone would like to help decorate St Michael's on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 please come along. This year donations of dried flowers, leaves & greenery would be most welcome. Instead of buying flowers we would really appreciate products for the food bank, anything orange, green, red or yellow preferred. Any questions please contact Kathryn Matthews (07798 538772)

**HARVEST BOXES:** If you are able, please bring a box for FEED foodbank. Your box might contain things like: coffee, tea, sugar, longlife milk, fruit juice/squash, tinned meat/vegetables, rice, pasta, noodles, cooking sauces, tinned puddings, custard, jam/spreads, cereals, cereal bars, biscuits, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, washing up liquid/powder, etc.

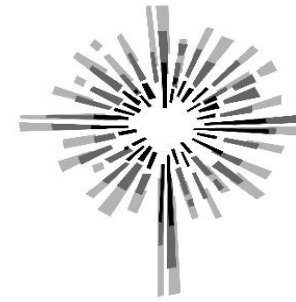
**BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL:** This year, the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal is **Not Forgotten** and will help change the lives of people in Mozambique who have been traumatised and displaced by conflict. For more information and to donate, please visit <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/bishops-annual-harvest-appeal/>

**World Homeless Week**, which runs from **9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October** is a time to reflect on the plight of those affected by homelessness and poverty. Church Homeless Trust is a small charity that supports thousands of homeless individuals throughout England by providing grants, tailored to the specific needs of the person in question, and have helped countless people to get back on their feet. To find out more about this charity, please visit their website at [www.churchhomelesstrust.org.uk](http://www.churchhomelesstrust.org.uk)

**30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00 p.m. in St Michael's - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving.** If you would like one or more loved ones remembered by name at this service, please send an email containing the Christian and Surname(s) to Georgie on [admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com](mailto:admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com) with Commemoration Service in the title line **by 26<sup>th</sup> October** at the very latest.

**Lime plastering in St Michael's – Update.** The plastering is now all but complete throughout the Church. Although this includes the Lady Chapel, there are still lime washes to be finished before it can be cleaned and the pews and altar returned to use. **Please note that we will not be able to restore the heating until the end of November, so the church will be quite cold for the next two months. Please take care to bring extra layers.**

We are delighted to welcome The Dean of St Albans, Jo Kelly-Moore and her husband Paul who have recently moved temporarily into the Vicarage while work is being carried out on their house in Sumpter Yard.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this week

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022:**

### St Michael – Our Patronal Festival

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

### Wednesday

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

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022: Harvest Festival**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)  
*President: Rev'd Tim Lomax*
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays**

### Contacts

Key information is available on [www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk](http://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)

Children's Church for those in school years Reception to Year 6 meets alongside the 9.30am service during term time. Please ask a Steward for more information and directions.

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.

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**Old Testament Reading: Daniel 10: 18-21 (OT p. 760 in the Pew Bibles)**

Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me. He said, 'Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!' When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.' Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? Now I must return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I am through with him, the prince of Greece will come. But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.

Between the lessons the choir sings from Psalm 103:

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven :  
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

○ praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :  
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

○ praise the Lord, all ye his hosts :  
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

○ speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion :  
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

**New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NT p.179 in the Pew Bibles)**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in

the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Gospel Reading: John 1: 47-51 (NT p.86 in the Pew Bibles)**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

**Anthem during Communion:**

Hail glorious spirits, heirs of light, the high-born sons of fire,  
Whose souls burn clear, whose flames shine bright: all joy yet all desire.

Hail, all you happy souls above who make that glorious ring.  
About the sparkling throne of love, and there forever sing.

Words: John Austin 1613-69

Music: Christopher Tye c. 1500-1573

**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 death of Susan Fisher