

NOTICES (continued)

World Homeless Week, which runs from **9th-16th 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

St Albans District Council is holding a **Healthy Hub Older Persons Day** event on **Wednesday 19th October from 10am-1pm** in the **Healthy Hub at the St Albans Civic Centre**. There will also be free tea and coffee, a place to sit and chat, and the event will give older people an opportunity to get more information on:

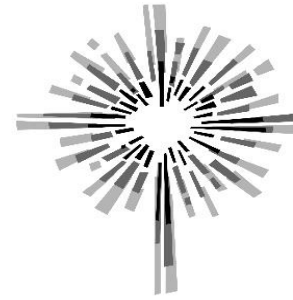
- Keeping safe and well
- Being connected
- Having fun and learning
- Staying independent

If you would like to know more, please visit the Healthy Hub Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansHealthyHub/>

30th 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 with Commemoration Service in the title line **by 26th October** at the very latest.

The Mission and Community Committee are hosting **Bonfire Night on Saturday, 5th November, 4-6pm in the Paddock**, and this event cannot take place without our wonderful volunteers. The Committee NEEDS YOU, so can you spare an hour or so helping build the bonfire, setup the serving tables, and, during the evening help to serve the food and drink and stoke the bonfire? If you can spare an hour, please contact Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com Thank you for your ongoing support.

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.**



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 9th 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 Canon Tim Lomax
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 16th October 2022:

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Bishop Stephen Venner
- 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 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.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 30-32 (NT p.36 in the Pew Bibles)

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

During Communion the choir sings from Psalm 136 – The Benedicite

○ give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious:
○ give thanks unto the God of all gods:
○ thank the Lord of all lords :
 For his mercy endureth for ever.

Who only doeth great wonders:
Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens:
Who laid out the earth above the waters:
 For his mercy endureth for ever.

Who hath made great lights:
The sun to rule the day:
The moon and the stars to govern the night:
 For his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh:
○ give thanks unto the God of ' heaven:
○ give thanks unto the Lord of lords:
 For his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
 and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

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, JoAnne Laws; Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- those who mourn the death of Susan Fisher

NOTICES

Vacancy Update. The Parish Profile is available to read on our website and is available to be read in hardcopy in the Tower Room in St Michael's and in St Mary's; please do not remove the copies from either church. The advertisement for a new Incumbent has now appeared in The Church Times with the date of the interview being set for Monday, 21st November.

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/>

Monday, 10th October is World Mental Health Day and our local charity, **Youth Talk**, provides free, confidential counselling to 13-25 years old in St Albans and surrounding areas. At the moment they are offering, on average, 80-100 counselling sessions a week with demand being greater than ever. If you would like to make a donation towards the services they provide, please visit <https://youthtalk.org.uk/donate/> 0