

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.

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

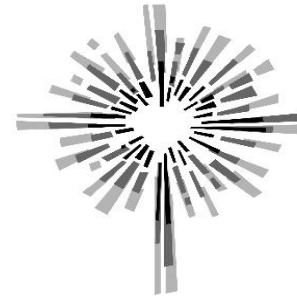
For your diary from the Mission and Community Committee: The next parish walk and lunch is planned for **Wednesday, 26th October**, more details will follow, so please watch this space.

On **Saturday, 29th October** we are looking for volunteers to move the bonfire material to the Paddock in readiness for the bonfire on 5th November. If you can spare some time, please meet at 9.30 a.m. in the churchyard. Thank you.

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, 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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 23rd October 2022:

Nineteenth Sunday after 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)

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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31 (OT p.28 in the Pew Bibles)

Between the Lessons

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 to 4: 5 (NT p.198 in the Pew Bibles)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is

inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 1-8 (NT p.75 in the Pew Bibles)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

During Communion

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: 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