

NOTICES (continued)

The Cathedral is holding a series of events exploring science and faith and on **Wednesday, 2nd November, 7.30-9pm**, Dr Hilary Marlow, Canon Environmentalist will be giving a lecture entitled 'Let there be light! Cosmology and Metaphor in the Bible'

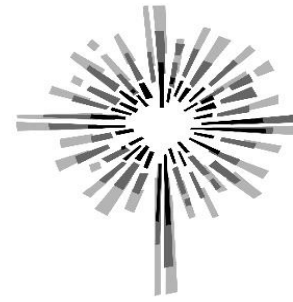
The lecture will take place in the Alban Room at the Cathedral and also online via zoom, (If you cannot attend on the night, it is possible to receive a recording by purchasing a ticket in advance). Tickets are available from the Box Office, £10 (£6 students): <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/let-there-be-light> For details of other events, please see the Cathedral website: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Listing/Category/science-lighting-up-our-universe>

Your Mission & Community Committee are hosting **Bonfire Night on Saturday, 5th November, 4-6pm in the Paddock**. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered, but we still need more help, specifically to:

- Move the bonfire material to the Paddock in readiness, on **Saturday 29th October, meeting at 9:30 am, in the churchyard**
- Build the bonfire on **Saturday 5th November at 9:30 am**, meeting in the Paddock
- Set-up serving tables, BBQs, lighting during the afternoon of the **5th November** (Time To Be Confirmed)
- Serve food, drinks and stoke the bonfire for an hour during the evening, **4-6 pm**

Please contact Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com if you can spare an hour to help with any, or all, of the above – we would be very grateful. **Tickets will be on sale after the 9:30 Sunday service today, on 29th October** and each day in the St Michael's school playground from Kate Berry.

Lime plastering in St Michael's – We extend our grateful thanks to specialist lime plasterers, Rob Philpot and John Taylor, for their time and skill in completing this vital restoration work to such a high professional standard. They have been extremely patient in working round our requirements for services and other activities in the church since Easter, and it has clearly been a labour of love and not just another job. **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, 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)

We are pleased to welcome Chris Wiley as our organist today

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 30th October 2022:

All Saints' Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: The Ven Jonathan Smith
6.00 p.m. Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving (St Michael's)
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)

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 35: 12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 (NT p.198 in the Pew Bibles)

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 9-14 (NT p.75 in the Pew Bibles)

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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

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From the Mission and Community Committee: The next parish walk and lunch will be on **Wednesday, 26th October**. Led by Kathryn Mathews, we will meet at the **Six Bells at 11am** and walk for 2-3 miles, arriving back at 12.30pm for lunch. All welcome to join us on the walk, or for lunch (please let Sue know - suecvaughan@btinternet.com). This will be the last walk of the season, though we plan to get together in December to decorate a Walkers' Christmas Window

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.