

NOTICES

We have heard from Michael Hogben's son, Mick, that his father sadly passed away on Tuesday, 1st November. Mick would like to thank everyone for all the help, support and comfort his father received during his illness. Michael's funeral will take place in St Michael's at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29th November.

As part of its commitment to supporting environmental issues and the **COP 27** climate talks, there are a number of ways in which the Church is encouraging participation; these include a **Global Day of Action on Saturday, 12th November**. More information is available on makecopcount.org

Men's Night will take place on **Thursday, 10th November** at 8.30 p.m. at the Six Bells; all are welcome.

Centre 33 provides an evening meal service for homeless people and others, operating each evening, Monday to Thursday and Sunday, from the Salvation Army Citadel in Victoria Street, St Albans. They urgently need more volunteers so that they can remain open. If you can help or would like more information, please email the Volunteer Coordinator on volunteers@centre33.org

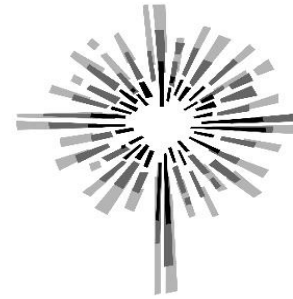
Heating in St Michael's – Update

Please note that we will not be able to restore the heating until the end of November at the earliest, so the church will be quite cold for the next few weeks. Please take care to bring extra layers or a warm blanket. If anyone has spare blankets and are willing to lend them to us until the heating is available, please talk to the warden on duty or a steward.

St Albans Methodist Churches are seeking to appoint a new **Children & Families Worker** and details about the position are shown on the poster in the church porch. Please note that the closing date for applications is **25th November**

FOR YOUR DIARY

Please join us on **Sunday, 27th November at 5.00 p.m.** in St Michael's for our **Advent Carol Service** for evocative words and music as we journey towards Christmas.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 6th November 2022:

Twenty-First Sunday after 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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 13th November 2022:

Remembrance Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd Canon Dr Tim Bull
- 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: Job 19: 23-27a (OT p.433 in the Pew Bibles)

Between the Lessons: Psalm 17 v.1-9

Hear the right, O Lord, consider my complaint :
and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
Let my sentence come forth from thy presence :
and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.
Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; thou hast tried me,
and shalt find no wickedness in me :
for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.
Because of men's works, that are done against the words of thy lips :
I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.
O hold thou up my goings in thy paths :
that my footsteps slip not.
I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me :
incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.
Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness,
thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee :
from such as resist thy right hand.
Keep me as the apple of an eye :
hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
From the ungodly that trouble me :
mine enemies compass me round about to take away my soul.

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 (NT p.191 in the Pew Bibles)

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of

worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Gospel Reading: Luke 20: 27-38 (NT p.78 in the Pew Bibles)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, JoAnne Laws; Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- those who mourn the death of Doreen Anderson and Michael Hogben