

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.

The interviews for our new vicar are taking place on 21st November. If you would like to join one of the Bible Study groups with the candidates, please let Mark Pedroz (wincheslodge@gmail.com) know by **Friday, 18th November** at the very latest.

Kate Berry writes: 'Your Mission and Community Committee would like to say a very big thank you to all volunteers and attendees at St Michael's Annual bonfire and BBQ, particularly to Jim Mann and the churchyard working party, all bonfire builders, stokers, shoppers and servers on the night. Despite the weather it was a terrific success and we are delighted to say that **£1047.22** has been raised towards the redecoration at St Michael's. Thank you all for your continued support.

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

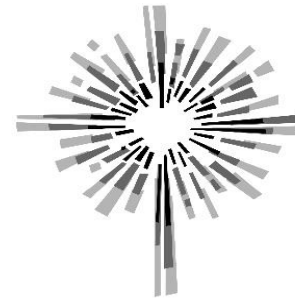
Please note that we will not be able to restore the heating until the end of November at the earliest, so the church will be quite cold for the next few weeks. Please take care to bring extra layers or a warm blanket. If anyone has spare blankets and are willing to lend them to us until the heating is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

There are a few jars of Japonica jelly and will be available to buy after coffee today. All proceeds will be sent to WaterHarvest, the Rajasthan charity St Michael's has supported over the years.

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. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 20th November 2022:

Christ the King

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: The Venerable Dr Jane Mainwaring
- 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: Malachi 4: 1-2a (OT p.813 in the Pew Bibles)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (NT p.192 in the Pew Bibles)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 5-19 (NT p.79 in the Pew Bibles)

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them,

'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

During Communion the choir will sing

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you for ever; e'en the Spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

John 14: 15-18

Music by Philip Wilby b.1949

Please remember in your prayers

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