

NOTICES

Did you know that booking any of the halls in St Michael's parish has gone online? If you are interested in booking any of our venues for Church meetings or personal use, please check the availability for 2023 please visit the following website: <https://hallbookingonline.com/stmichaels>

There will be a service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on **Sunday 22nd January at 4.00 p.m.** at the Homewood Road site of the newly formed St Albans United Reformed Church. The preacher at the service will be **The Very Rev'd Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St Albans**

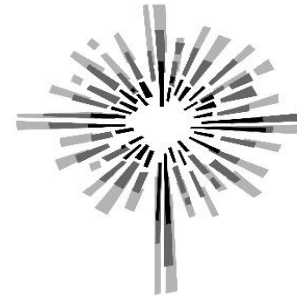
The Friends of St Michael's Church will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, 25th January 2023 at 6.00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Maynes Barn, Maynes Farm, Gorhambury, St Albans AL3 6AF.

We've received some information from The Living Room – a charity we support - that the **Abbey Theatre** will be hosting an adaptation by Derek Coe of "Measure for Measure" by William Shakespeare and proceeds from ticket sales will go to support the charity. The performance takes place on **Thursday 26th January 2023** at 8.00 p.m. (doors open at 7.30 p.m.). As this is a special charity performance, it cannot be booked via the regular Abbey Theatre website, so if you wish to attend, please book your tickets via <https://www.livingroomherts.org/Event/measure-for-measure>

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 5th February is Candlemas - a festival of light to mark the close of the greater Christmas season - with **Christingle-making** taking place during the All-Age Communion at 9.30 a.m. Donations made at this service will be sent to **Youth Talk** (Registered Charity Number 1063572) which is a counselling and signposting service for young people in St Albans.

There will be a concert of popular classical music at Dagnall Street Baptist Church on **Saturday, 18th February at 7.30 pm** with a retiring collection for Christian Aid. Please try and support concerts and events like this as street collections raise less revenue than previously.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 15th January 2023:

Baptism of Christ

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd John Bannister
- 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, 22nd January 2023:

Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (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: Isaiah 42: 1-9 (OT p.610 in the Pew Bibles)

Between the readings the choir will sing Psalm 29

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord :

ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name :

worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters :

it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees :

yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf :

Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness :

yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes :

in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :

and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people :

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 (NT p.120 in the Pew Bibles)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the

Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17 (NT p.3 in the Pew Bibles)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

During Communion the choir will sing

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| 1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high,
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify. | 2. Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ,
you we praise with endless worship
for your gracious gifts unpriced. |
| 3. Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry,
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol. | |

Words: Timothy Rees, Music: Herbert Howells

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