

NOTICES

Lent Discussion Groups: We will focus on the spiritual writings of Henri Nouwen. An anthology of his writings, engaging with life's big questions, including commentaries and meditations by Anglican writers, falls neatly into the five weeks of our Lent preparation, and we have booked a mini-Parish Retreat at St Mary's on 1st April to conclude and prepare for Holy Week. **On Retreat with Henri Nouwen** and costs around **£12.99**: it is widely available but please order now as delivery times vary.

If you wish to be included on the Tuesday Zoom list beginning on 28th February, please send an email to Mark at wincelodge@gmail.com. If you would like to attend on Wednesdays at 11.00 (in the Parish Centre after the Communion Service), please tell Patsy Cann or Sue Vaughan, so that we know how many to cater for.

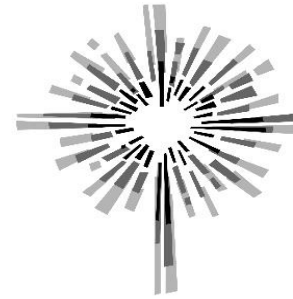
To find out more about Nouwen, visit <https://henrinouwen.org>, the website of the Henri Nouwen Society, which also offers a daily meditation by email.

St Albans Cathedral is hosting an exhibition about asylum seekers in St Albans which runs from **Saturday, 4th February to Sunday, 26th February** in the north transept. This is a reflective and ambitious interactive exhibition, made in collaboration with St Albans' asylum seekers. Admission is free but donations are welcome. To find out more please visit www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/seeking-asylum-in-st-albans

The next **Thinking Lunch** at Marlborough Road Methodist Church on 2nd March from 12.30 – 1.30 p.m. The speaker will be Peter Berners-Lee, who will speak on 'Physics and Faith – Uncertainty and Meaning: Quantum physics is weird but it isn't mad. Understanding it and what it means for all of us'. Please take your own lunch and drinks. Donations will be gratefully received to cover expenses and any profits will go to the Salvation Army

Saturday 4th March: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. This will be the first session of the new season - please see the list on the noticeboard outside the Parish Centre for future dates, or pick up a leaflet in St Michael's. There will be plenty of clearing to do in the churchyard after the winter break, and cleaning in the church as part of our welcome for worshippers and visitors. If you can spare some time to help, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please get in touch with Jim on 07770 324375 (churchyard) or Jane on janelarman@sky.com (cleaning).

The next **Deanery Synod** will take place on **8th March at St Stephen's Church, Watling Street AL1 2PT** – doors open at 7.00 p.m. for light refreshments and is open to the public. The speaker is Catherine Ross, Net Zero Carbon Programme Officer for the Church of England and this is a good opportunity to hear the latest information on the practical steps that churches can take to reduce their carbon footprint. If you wish to join online, the link is: <https://youtube.com/live/Pt3nziswaSY?feature=share>



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 26th February 2023:

First Sunday of Lent

- 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, 5th March 2023:

Second Sunday of Lent

- 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. Holy Communion (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)

