

NOTICES

Many thanks to Ann Dean for her very interesting and illuminating tour of St Michael's and Fishpool Street in April. She wowed us all with her phenomenal memory and encyclopaedic knowledge of our area - very much enjoyed and appreciated by all! The next walk, led by Kathryn Mathews, will meet on **Wednesday 31st May at 11am** at Toulmin Drive Recreation Ground, AL3 6DZ, for a two-mile walk around Batchwood. At 12.30 we will have lunch in the 'pods' at the Portland Arms, joined by others from our former Lunch Club. Please let Sue know if you can come to either or both (suecvaughan@btinternet.com) so we can organise car shares, and you can receive a lunch menu to order in advance to help Caz and her staff at the Portland.

The Friends of St Michael's Church, St Albans are holding a **Summer Event**, hosted by Adam Singer, on Tuesday, **30th May from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at Kingsbury Manor Barn**, Branch Road, St Albans, AL3 4SE, and drinks and canapés will be provided. **Please note that there is No Parking available at Kingsbury Barn**

During the evening, three short films will be shown in which **Rev'd Canon Dr Kenneth Padley** describes significant objects in St Michael's Church, and he will be present to take questions afterwards.

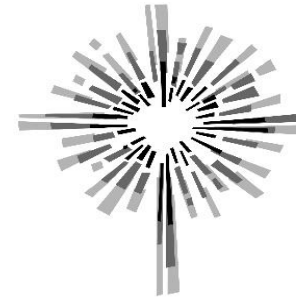
Entry is **£10 per person** (payable in **cash** on the night). If, however, you are able to sign up in advance to pay the annual membership fee by Standing Order, or become a Life Member, entry to the **Summer Event** would be **FREE**. (Please pick up a Friends of St Michael's Church leaflet from either church to apply to pay by standing Order and register for Gift Aid).

Please make a note of the date in your diary. To find out more or to reserve a place at the event please send an email to Guy Marshall on guymarshall31@yahoo.co.uk and not the Parish Office.

There will be a concert of Brass music from the Salvation Army London Central Fellowship Band on Saturday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in St Alban & St Stephen's Church. Tickets £10 on the door, can be booked in advance by calling 07887768522, or from stalbans@salvationarmy.org.uk

St Michael's Folk Evening: The Mission & Community team are planning to host our contribution to the event, as usual in the churchyard, and details will follow soon, but in the meantime, please save the date - **Wednesday, 5th July**. The bellringers will be opening the event from 7.00 p.m.

If you are planning to attend and can help setup, serve, and clear away in any shape or form, the team would love to hear from you. To find out more about how you can help, please get in touch with Kate on KateFrancesBerry1@outlook.com



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

All services take place at St Michael's unless otherwise stated

Sunday, 21st May 2023 Sunday after Ascension

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| 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion |
| 10.15 a.m. | Annual Church Meetings |
| 6.00 p.m. | Evensong (St Mary's) |

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| 9.00 a.m. | School Service |
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |

Sunday, 28th May 2023 Pentecost

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| 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| 9.30 a.m. | Parish Communion |
| 6.00 p.m. | Evensong (St Mary's) |

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.

In place of the Old Testament Reading: Acts 1: 6-14 (NT p.109 in the Pew Bibles)

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel Reading: John 17: 1-11 (NT p.103 in the Pew Bibles)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine

are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Nicola Cann, Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Rev'd Ruth Goatly, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, JoAnne Laws, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- those who mourn the death of Peter Limebear

Dear All,

At the end of the first full week as your vicar I just wanted to express my - our - deep gratitude to you all for your welcome to us as a family. We loved worshipping together on Sunday, and very much look forward to doing so in the years to come. We already feel very much at home.

Special thanks from me has to go to the wardens, Val and Mark, who have been beyond helpful at every turn as I try to work out what's going on when! There's no point in me telling you what a gift they are to the parish (you know already) - but I'll say it nevertheless. Thanks too, to Fr John and all who have supported the worship here in the vacancy. I have already benefited from John's warm collegiality at the cathedral, and am grateful for his continuing ministry as Associate Priest here at St Michael's with St Mary's.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all, I really can't tell you how good it is to be here.

Jonny

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