

NOTICES

Bishop Alan will be opening his garden at **Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD** to the public from **2.00pm – 4.00pm** every Sunday afternoon between **18th June** and **6th August**. **Entrance: £4 per person (accompanied children free)** in aid of Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust.

Our next Parish Walk will be in Wheathamstead on **Wednesday 28th June** at **11.30am** - please note the change from our usual time to accommodate people coming from St Michael's 10.30 a.m. service. We will meet at the Marford Memorial Hall car park, AL4 8AY (turn left off Marford Road into Brocket View, car park on right) for a two-mile walk led by Kathryn Mathews down to the River Lea – dogs and their owners welcome! Then back for lunch at 1.00 p.m. in the Portland Arms pods. Please let Sue V know if you would like to walk or join us for lunch - lifts can be arranged, and we will need to order lunch in advance (suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

Thursday 29th June - 8.00 p.m. at **St Luke's Church, AL1 5QJ**: The Green Christian St Albans has arranged a meeting, which is open to everyone, to enable people to bring and share their 'green' topic with other like-minded people.

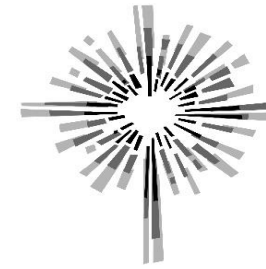
St Michael's Folk Evening: The Mission & Community team are planning to host our contribution to the event, as usual in the churchyard, and details will follow soon, but in the meantime, please save the date - **Wednesday, 5th July**. The bellringers will be opening the event from 7.00 p.m. If you are planning to attend and can help setup, serve, and clear away in any shape or form, the team would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Kate on KateFrancesBerry1@outlook.com to find out more about how you can help.

OPEN GARDEN in aid of The Friends of St. Michael's Church, St. Albans: John and Dione Verulam are opening their garden and wildflower meadow at Maynes Farmhouse, Gorhambury Estate, AL3 6AF on Saturday 1st July, from 2.30 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Entry is £10 per person, payable at the gate. Dogs on leads are welcome. Free car parking is available at Maynes Farm. Please Note: All cars should enter and leave Gorhambury Estate via the entrance at AL3 6AE, by The Roman Theatre of Verulamium.

Saturday 1st July: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 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).

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St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 25th June 2023: Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion with Holy Baptism of Olivia Sheriff
6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 2nd July 2023: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (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. If you need 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.

All are welcome to stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-13 (OT p.656 in the Pew Bibles)

New Testament Reading: Romans 6: 1b-11 (NT p.144 in the Pew Bibles)

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 24-39 (NT p.10 in the Pew Bibles)

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Please remember in your prayers:

- those to be **baptized**, including: Olivia Sheriff
- those to **married**, including: David Marsh and Nicola Whiter, Michael Langton and Sydney McGregor
- those who are **ill**, including: Nicola Cann, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, JoAnne Laws, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- The recently departed, including: Jenifer Blackden, Jo Frost, Peter Hamblett, Shirley Rogerson, Ann Roxburgh, Gloria Smith and those who mourn