

NOTICES

'Say what you see' Art and Christian Faith Despite a lack of popular demand, Jonny is teaching a five-week course at the Cathedral Study Centre (Wednesdays in June and July 2nd on Zoom, 7.30-9.00) on how Christian faith and art have developed together, from 3rd century sarcophagi through to 21st century kitsch. The cathedral is kindly offering anyone from this parish a 25% discount on the course which makes it £52.50. If you would like to sign up, please contact Marina at studycentre@stalbanscathedral.org and ask to apply the discount.

The **Parish Walk** on **Thursday, 30th May at 11.00 a.m.** will be in Greenwood Park, followed by lunch outside at the café, weather permitting. (If it's not good we plan to go to Burston's Garden Centre nearby). The address is Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, AL2 3HW. Please park in the car park at the top of the drive, and we'll meet at the gate to the field at the end of the car park. Please let Sue Vaughan know on suecvaughan@btinternet.com if you'd like to come. Future walks/lunches are planned for **Friday, 5th July, Thursday, 8th August** (parish picnic) and **Thursday, 26th September**.

Saturday 1st June: 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 either in the churchyard or in the church, it would be very much appreciated. For more information, please get in touch with Jim on 07770 324375 (churchyard) or Jane on janelarman@sky.com (cleaning).

SAVE THE DATE: 15th June between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. In celebration of His Majesty the King's official birthday, your M&C Committee are organising a community litter pick. We will meet at the Parish Centre and head off across St Michael's Village to help keep our local area spick and span! Litter picking equipment will be provided but bring your own if you can. Refreshments will be available between these times. Come if you can.

22nd June: 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. at the Roman Theatre, Verulamium – From Stage and Screen with Kate Lindeman. Join local soprano Kate Lindeman and guest performers for an enchanting evening of musical theatre magic, featuring songs from Broadway and the West End's biggest hits, and musical favourites from films such as The Greatest Showman and The Sound of Music. For more information and to book tickets, which cost from £15.50 to £24.50, please visit the OVO website on <https://ovo.org.uk/shows/from-stage-and-screen/>

Christian Aid Last week's cake sale made £257.50 for Christian Aid. Thank you so much for your contributions of cakes and money for this charity that does so much to relieve poverty and support the most disadvantaged in our world. Please do pray for them as well this week.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 26th May 2024: Trinity Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Gabreil Gibson
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday, 29th May

10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 2nd June 2024: Corpus Christi

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	All-Age Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (St Mary's)

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Welcome to our service this morning. Junior Church meets today in the Parish Centre; all are very welcome to join for worship and fun. If you are new and would like to know where this is, please ask a member of the clergy or one of the welcomers on the door.

Please feel free to use the Tower Room if you need privacy (e.g. nappy change) which has a 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!

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Between the readings, the choir sing from 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.

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him,

'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord our God, make these gifts holy, and through them make us a perfect offering to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- The work of Christian Aid around the world
- Gabriel Gibson who is baptised today at St Michael's, and his parents and godparents as they support him in his journey of Christian faith
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, Alison Munro, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Leonie Thompson, Cora Marie Varshney
- the departed, including Iris Hankins whose ashes were interred last week in St Michael's
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All who support the frail and vulnerable*