

NOTICES

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/>

There will be a **Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alison Munro** in St Michael's on **Monday, 24th June at 1.00 p.m.** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder that the annual St Michael's Folk Evening is nearly upon us - Wednesday 3rd July - with our Bell Ringers starting the event at 7:00 p.m. Planning is in full swing by your M&C committee, and we will once again welcome the Swan Vesta Social Club to the churchyard. Food and beer will be provided by The Lower Red Lion, Papa Paella, The 3 Brewers, Inn on the Park and of course there will be a bar for soft drinks, snacks and wine. If you are planning to attend and can help setup, serve, and/or clear away, the team would love to hear from you. Please contact Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com for more details.

Paddock Praise: Due to popular demand, on the 7th July we will celebrate the 9.30 Parish Eucharist in the open air (weather depending!) Bring a chair or something else to sit on, and do please let Colin or Jonny know if you can play a musical instrument or something to accompany our singing.

FOR YOUR DIARY: Future parish walks/lunches are planned for **Friday, 5th July, Thursday, 8th August** (parish picnic) and **Thursday, 26th September.** Please watch this space for more information.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 9th June 2024: Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 12th June

9.30 a.m.	St Michael's School Service
10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 16th June 2024: Third Sunday after Trinity

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

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Welcome to our service this morning- it's great to worship together. Junior Church meets today in the Parish Centre; all are very welcome to join for praise 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

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3: 8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 3: 20 - 35

Then the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When Jesus' family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Prayer Over the Gifts

Father may we celebrate the eucharist with reverence and love, for when we proclaim the death of the Lord you continue the work of his redemption, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

During Communion the choir sings a motet or hymn

Please remember in your prayers:

- Tony and Natalie Connolly, married in St Mary's, Childiwick on the 8th June.
- For those who can't receive the Eucharist regularly because of physical infirmity.
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Alison Munro and Leonie Thompson and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All who hear the Gospel through our Church Schools*