

NOTICES

Steph writes: Thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick on 15th June - quite a lot of rubbish was collected, and the village is now looking much better.

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.

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.

St Michael's Folk Night – Wednesday 3rd July: Come and join us for a fun evening. Our Bellringers open the event at 7:15pm, with the Swanvesta Social Club joining us in the churchyard with food and drink provided by the Lower Red Lion, Papa Paella, The 3 Brewers and Inn on the Park. Your M&C team will be hosting a bar for soft drinks, snacks and wine. If you are planning to attend and can spare half an hour to help setup, service, and/or clear away we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jane Larman (janelarman@sky.com) for more details.

Many thanks to Kathryn and John Mathews for leading the Parish Walk around Greenwood Park, followed by coffee and bacon butties at the Lazy Llama Café - much enjoyed by all! The next walk will be on Friday 5th July, meeting at 11am at Meautys, AL3 4LU, when Kathryn and John will take us around the Potters Crouch area - lifts can be arranged - and we plan to have lunch at the Inn on the Park in Verulamium. Please let Sue (suecvaughan@btinternet.com) know if you'd like to join us for the walk and/or lunch and see the menu - lunch needs to be pre-ordered. Future dates are Thursday 8th August for a walk followed by the annual Parish Picnic at Childwickbury, and Thursday 26th September. All welcome!

The Diocese is looking for someone to join the diocesan schools' team at Holywell Lodge as a part-time administrator - 14 hours per week. For more information about the post, please visit their website <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/schools-operational-support-administrator-0-4/>

Creaky Tower Team: Jonny is pulling together anyone interested in thinking about ways to raise funds for our tower works. This is not a committee and there will not be legions of meetings! More about gathering ideas and examples of things that have worked elsewhere and could be good for us and working out how to put them together semi-strategically. Let him know if you're keen. Thanks!

Parish logo refresh: After the 9:30 today Nick Herbert is going to present the work we've been doing on developing a refreshed identity for our parish, building on the 'St Michael's star' that we currently have and showing how we're moving to something that is still useable on desktops but will also work across print, phone, tablet, and social media platforms. Thanks too will be offered to Nick for all his work helping with this important part of our church's identity.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 23rd June 2024: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 26th June

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

Sunday, 30th June 2024: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (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

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading: Job 38: 1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
'Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?'

Between the readings the choir sings from Psalm 107

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed : and delivered from the hand of
the enemy;
And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west : from the north
and from the south.
They that go down to the sea in ships : and occupy their business in great waters;
These men see the works of the Lord : and his wonders in the deep.
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth : which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep : their soul melteth
away because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man : and are at their wits' end.
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivereth them out of their
distress.

For he maketh the storm to cease : so that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad, because they are at rest : and so he bringeth them unto the haven
where they would be.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the
wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people : and praise him in the
seat of the elders!

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other
side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.
Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that
the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and
they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He
woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased,
and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no
faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this,
that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

During Communion the choir sings:

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
For the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
May my soul be blended with thee.

G. F. Handel

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, be pleased with the gifts we bring to your altar and make them the sacrament of
our salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- All who travel by sea
- Those who work in fishing industries
- 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: *Those preparing for baptism and confirmation*