

NOTICES



St Michael with St Mary

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.

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!

The next **Parish Walk** and lunch will be on, **Thursday, 8th August** (picnic at Childwickbury) and **Thursday, 26th September**. Please watch this space for more information about these walks which will start at 11am - everyone is welcome to join in.

Men's night will be taking place on **Thursday, 11th July**; please join us from 8:30pm at the Six Bells.

The Bishop of St Albans is opening his garden at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS on **Sundays** from **9th June** until **11th August between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. Please note that there are no toilet facilities available. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 7th July 2024: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 10th July

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

Sunday, 14th July 2024: Seventh 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. There is no separate Junior Church today while we worship all together in the great outdoors (assuming it's not raining too heavily, in which case we'll head for the great indoors!)

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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2: 1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 1, 10-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, we make this offering in obedience to your word. May it cleanse and renew us, and lead us to our eternal reward. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Our Stewardship committee
- Everyone who volunteered at and attended Folk Night 2024
- 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 Lynne Crade, Alison Munro, Chris Rolfe and Leonie Thompson and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those running debt advice schemes*