

## NOTICES

**Jonny** will be taking a break for the next three weeks, returning on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. For any pastoral needs during this time, please contact our Assistant Priest, John Bannister, on [johnlbannister@gmail.com](mailto:johnlbannister@gmail.com). The office will be open as usual during this period for other enquiries.

**Can you help?** We are looking for a cleaner for the Parish Centre – 1 hour per day, Monday to Friday. If you know anyone who is interested, please see Steph for more information and more details. Alternatively, please get in touch with Danielle on [hallbooking17@gmail.com](mailto:hallbooking17@gmail.com)

**Creaky Tower Team:** Thanks so much to everyone who has offered to join the team. We'll have our first chat in September, date TBC. Anyone else that would like to join please feel free to at any time!

**Parish Picnic and Walk:** For our next walk on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August**, led by Kathryn Mathews, we plan to **meet at 11 a.m.** at Toulmin Drive Recreation Ground (AL3 6DZ) and walk through Batch Wood to St Mary's Church, Childwickbury for a picnic lunch in the church garden, arriving around midday. Due to varying dietary requirements, we suggest everyone brings a sandwich for themselves and something sweet to share. Please also bring a chair for the picnic (the picnics and chairs will be driven from the Recreation Ground to St Mary's). Coffee and tea will be available at St Mary's and the Schoolroom is booked in case of rain. Please let Sue know if you're planning to come ([suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)) - all welcome to join us for the walk or for the picnic, where there will be live jazz from our favourite musicians, John and Dave.

**Date for your diary** – the Parish Walk after this will take place on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please watch this space for more information.

**The Bishop of St Albans** is opening his garden at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS on **Sundays** from **9<sup>th</sup> June** until **11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Bag Blessing 1<sup>st</sup> September** – Our next all-age service will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September with the annual blessing of bags for the new school and work year. Bring a friend and bring a bag! This will be followed by the junior church picnic in the vicarage; please let Jonny know if you're planning to come.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July

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

### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024: Tenth 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)

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Welcome to our worship this morning. Junior church is on its summer break, and restarts on the 1<sup>st</sup> September with the Bag Blessing service and Junior Church picnic in the vicarage garden after church.

In the meantime, the children's corner contains themed-worksheets, books and toys if you'd like to keep little people busy, but there is no obligation to use it! 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!

### **Collect**

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Reading: John 6: 1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the

fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, as we gather to offer our gifts confident in your love, make us holy by sharing your life with us and by this eucharist forgive our sins. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

- The recently retired
- All who are travelling; for safe journeys and homecomings
- In the parish: all who live on Lindum Place, Arretine Close, Glevum Place, Samian Gate
- 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, John Mayne and Chris Rolfe and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who run and attend breakfast clubs*