

## 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.

**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!

**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.

**TODAY** is the last day that **The Bishop of St Albans** is opening his garden at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS **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, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

### Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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| 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 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**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Old Testament Reading: I Kings 19: 4-8**

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

### **Gospel Reading: John 6: 35,41-51**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be

taught by God.'" Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord God, in this bread and wine you give us food for body and spirit. May the eucharist renew our mind and strength and bring us health of mind and body. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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

- All who are travelling; for safe journeys and homecomings
- In the parish: all who live in Westfields, Deva Close, Dubrae Close, Hadrian Close
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Pam Dickens, 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, Terry Beaumont, John Mayne and Chris Rolfe and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *For all who encourage us in our faith*