

# NOTICES

**Yvonne and family** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support, and for providing refreshments after Terry's funeral service. It was really appreciated.

**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 so he can get enough grub.

The ever-popular parish **Animal Service** will take place at **St Mary's on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00 p.m.** and will be held outside St Mary's Childwick, AL3 6JJ. A simple half-hour service to thank God for creation and to pray for animal welfare. If you have a pet that you would like to be blessed, please bring it with you. If your pet is nervous around people, please bring a photo and we can pray with that instead. Please keep all dogs on leads

**Parish Walk and Lunch:** Many thanks to Kathryn and John Mathews for leading a lovely walk from New Greens to Childwickbury. The picnic in St Mary's Garden was enjoyed by around 30 people including some from other churches in St Albans, and John and Dave played some terrific numbers from the Great American Songbook. Kathryn will lead the next walk along part of the **Nickey Line, meeting in Redbourn at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - more details to follow. All welcome to join us for the walk or for lunch afterwards at the Portland Arms. Please email Sue to let her know you're coming - [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

**Pub in the Park** will take place over **the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>– 8<sup>th</sup> September** in Verulamium Park. We are assured that there will be some parking for parishioners attending church on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September** and for groups using the Parish Centre. There are a number of parking vouchers available at the back of St Michael's; please take one and fill in your details so you can get through easily if the car park is being marshalled. When you arrive at the car park make yourselves known to the stewards and let Val or Mark know on [chiesa@btinternet.com](mailto:chiesa@btinternet.com) or [wincheslodge@gmail.com](mailto:wincheslodge@gmail.com) respectively of any problems.



St Michael with St Mary

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

#### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

#### Fourteenth 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 (see notices on the back page).

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

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### Gospel Reading: John 6: 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept

it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord God, through your sacraments you give us the power of your grace. May this eucharist help us to serve you faithfully. 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 Jerome Drive, Rowlatt Drive, Windridge 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 and Ken Souch and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who attend Julian and other Contemplative Prayer groups*

## Michaelmas 2024

### ***"Come and Sing"* - the music of Charles Villiers Stanford**

marking the centenary of the death of Stanford, whose church music has inspired generations of choristers in Cathedrals and Parish Churches

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Rehearsal, Tea and Evensong

Morning Eucharist and Evensong (at St Mary's Childwickbury)

***Singers of all parts are invited and welcomed to "Come and Sing"***

Please email [music@parishofstmichaels.org.uk](mailto:music@parishofstmichaels.org.uk)  
to register your interest and to receive further details