

NOTICES

A big thank you to the Rev'd Fr Calum Zuckert, Youth Chaplain at the Abbey, for his support of our worship today.

Creaky Tower Fund A big thank you to Fleetville Harmony and all who came to support their concert last Saturday. Proceeds were split between our tower fund and Herts Youth Homelessness; for the tower we raised £360 in donations, with another £72.50 from the associated giftaid. Every little really does help in reaching our target of £150,000 and it's not too late to donate! Just follow this link: <https://shorturl.at/GIT9Y>

Parish Centre Refurbishment: The Parish Centre will be closed for a major refurbishment from **Monday 21st October to Friday 8th November**. Sunday coffee on the 27th October and 3rd November will be served in the Tower Room. Thanks for your patience during this period.

Stewards/Welcomer Training We are having a refresher training session for all stewards/welcomers on **Saturday 26th October at 10.00 a.m.** This is a hugely important ministry for our church community, so please do also come if you would like to become a welcomer on Sundays.

Holy Pumpkin Trail This was hugely successful last year and drew hundreds to join in our safe 'trick or treating trail' between St Michael's and the Abbey, finishing with crafts and a short service giving thanks to God for the gift of the saints, the 'Hallows' who share God's light in the world. We hope to offer this again on the **31st October between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m.** so if you are able to volunteer to be a 'treat station' please Jonny know.

As visitor numbers are increasing steadily, **Centre 33** is looking for additional volunteers to cook and serve breakfasts and evening meals. If you would like to know more, please call or text 07900 051956 or email chairman@centre33.org or apply direct at <https://www.centre33.org/application-form>

3rd November at 6.00 p.m. in St Michael's - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the departed. If you would like one or more loved ones remembered by name at this service, please send an email containing the Christian and Surname(s) to Georgie on Admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk with **Commemoration Service** in the title line **by 31st October** at the very latest please.

Date for your Diary: The next **Parish Walk** is planned for **Wednesday 30th October** in Gadebridge, Hemel Hempstead, followed by a pub lunch nearby – more details to follow.

SUNDAY PARISH EUCHARIST INTERCESSORS. There will be a training and refresher session on **Saturday 9th November at 10am in St Michael's** for all involved with leading intercessions Anyone else who is interested in leading intercessions is also invited to attend.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 20th October 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 23rd October

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

Sunday, 27th October 2024

Bible Sunday

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. Our young people go out after the first hymn for churchyard church- all are welcome to join irrespective of age. If you would like to know more, please do speak to a welcomer or one of the clergy.

All are welcome to stay for refreshments after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

Toilets are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard; please see a welcomer for access.

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.

Collect

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53: 4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Between the readings the choir sings from Psalm 91

For thou Lord art my hope:
thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
There shall no evil happen unto thee:
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee:
to keep thee in all thy ways.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God, the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ made us your people. In your love, grant peace and unity to your Church. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- All working for the cause of peace.
- Park maintenance workers in our community
- Worshipers who live outside the parish
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Pam Dickens, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- Anne Fletcher, Mavis Lightowler, Susan Tobin, and all the recently departed and those who mourn them
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who work for CRUSE*