

# NOTICES

**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 Gift Aid. 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 is closed for a major refurbishment until **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. Sunday coffee today and 3<sup>rd</sup> November will be served in the Tower Room. Thank you for your patience during this period.

**Message from the Mission & Community team:** We are disappointed to share that our annual community bonfire & BBQ will not go ahead this year which is due to restrictions on how we need to build the bonfire imposed by Historic England, and the refurbishment being carried out in the Parish Centre. However, we will be back so look out for a renewed and invigorated event next year

**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 **31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:chairman@centre33.org) or apply direct at <https://www.centre33.org/application-form>

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk) with **Commemoration Service** in the title line **by 31<sup>st</sup> October** at the very latest please.

The next **Parish Walk** will be in Gadebridge Park, Old Town, Hemel Hempstead on **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October**, meeting at **11.00 a.m.** at High Street car park, HPI 3AQ. Led by Kathryn and John Mathews, we will walk around the park, calling in at St Mary's Church, and then walk up Old Hemel High Street to the Artichoke Café for coffee and a sandwich. Please let Sue V know you're coming so we can let the café know numbers and send you a map - [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

**SUNDAY PARISH EUCHARIST INTERCESSORS.** There will be a training and refresher session on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Bible Sunday

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

### Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

#### All Saints' Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	All-Age Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving
6.00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (for All Saints, at 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.

**Due to the refurbishment of the Parish Centre, refreshments will be served after the service in the Tower Room. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the work being carried out in the Parish Centre, there is no access to the toilets this week. We apologise for any inconvenience.**

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**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Old Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 to 4: 5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### **Between the readings the choir sings from Psalm 119**

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word

### **Gospel Reading: John 5: 36b-47**

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

### **Anthem:**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I will keep them unto the end.

*Thomas Attwood 1765-1838 Words from Psalm 119*

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, may this holy offering bring us your blessing and accomplish within us its promise of salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

- All working for the cause of peace.
- Small business owners in our parish
- The forgotten
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- Pam Dickens, Joanne Laws, Mavis Lightowler, and all the recently departed and those who mourn them
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All who visit places of worship during the day*