

NOTICES

Holy Pumpkin Trail A huge thank you to those who volunteered as part of the Holy Pumpkin Trail. 120 children and lots of adults took part in the trail, finishing with a *slightly* chaotic service in the Cathedral Lady Chapel celebrating the good news of the light of Christ. So many people said how grateful they were to be able to come; thank you again.

The **funeral service for the late Joanne Laws** will take place in St Michael's on **Friday, 8th November at 1 pm.**

Parish Centre Refurbishment: The Parish Centre is closed for a major refurbishment until **Friday 8th November.** Sunday coffee today 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.

Tonight (3rd November) at 6.00 p.m. in St Michael's - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the departed. All are welcome to come and share in this service in which we particularly remember and give thanks to God for those who have died.

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>

Sunday 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.

Message from Yvonne Beaumont: The family and I would like to thank all those who gave so generously to the Woodland Trust in memory of Terry. We have been able to dedicate an acre of woodland and a dedicated post to him in Old Wood, Skellingthorpe, just outside Lincoln.

Christmas Fayre! On **14th December, 2-5pm,** we will be holding a Parish Christmas Fayre in the Church and Parish Centre. Mission and Community are co-ordinating stalls and events so if you have an idea for one or are able to assist with refreshments please let Steph, Sue, or Jonny know.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 3rd 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)

Wednesday, 6th November

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

Sunday, 10th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Evensong

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Welcome to our worship this morning; it is good to be together. Today we gather for an all-age service celebrating the Feast of All Saints.

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* in the North Aisle 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

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel Reading: John 11: 32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of

them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Anthem:

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

from the Salisbury Diurnal
William Harris (1883-1973)

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.
- Centre 33 volunteers and staff
- Local councillors, St Albans District Council officers, Members of Parliament
- 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: *For courage to speak of our faith*