

# NOTICES

**Mince Pie tasting** 7.30 p.m. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Parish Centre. Which mince pie supplier a parish uses is a crucial question each year, one that takes thought, deliberation, and a thorough quality-control process. To that end there will be a mince pie tasting on 29<sup>th</sup> November, with a little Christmas quiz between rounds, to decide 2024's taste-test champion. Simply email the vicar if you want to come and he will add you to the list. It's b.y.o.b. and there'll be a donations-pot out on the night.

**Christmas Fayre!** On **14<sup>th</sup> December, 2-5pm**, we will be holding a Parish Christmas Fayre in the Church and Parish Centre in aid of the Tower Fund, and we need your help please. We are looking for helpers on the day to man a stall and serve drinks, plus donations of cakes, bottles (of any kind), raffle prizes, stocking fillers, jars of sweets etc. Please see the flyer at the back of both churches for more details. If you can help on the day or provide a contribution of goods to be sold, please speak to any member of your Mission and Community committee or get in touch with Steph on 07788 580519. Thank you!

**Christmas Lunch:** Many thanks to Kathryn Mathews for leading the recent walk around Gadebridge Park; some of us were discovering the delights of Old Hemel High Street for the first time. Depending on the weather, we may have a **walk in Verulamium at 11.15a.m.**, before the Christmas Lunch at 12.30p.m. on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at the **Inn on the Park**. This won't be a big Christmas dinner as in previous years, but the menu will include festive fare such as turkey and cranberry baguettes and mince pies. We plan to dress up the function room to be cosy and Christmassy with surprises and lots of fun! Please let Sue V know if you'd like to come - [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

**Ginny Allkins** has let us know that around £60 was raised from the recent sale of jars of Japonica and Crab Apple Jelly on behalf of the charity **WaterHarvest** (formerly Wells for India). Thank you to everyone for your support. If you wish to know more about the charity, their Annual Report is pinned up on the noticeboard in the downstairs room in the Parish Centre.

**FEED** is asking for donations of **Christmas gifts** – new not used - for children aged 1-16. If you are able to donate a Christmas gift, please put it into the FEED box. Thank you for your support.

The Diocese is currently advertising for two roles – Diocesan Director of Education and Church Growth Officer and further details can be found on the Diocesan website on the following links below: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/directorofeducation/> and <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/cgo/> respectively.

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>



St Michael with St Mary

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Second Sunday before Advent

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

### Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Christ the King

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 - 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**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3**

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

### **Between the first and second readings Psalm 16 is sung**

Preserve me, O God :  
for in thee have I put my trust.  
O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord :  
Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.  
All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth :  
and upon such as excel in virtue.  
But they that run after another god :  
shall have great trouble.  
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer :  
neither make mention of their names within my lips.  
The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup :  
thou shalt maintain my lot.  
The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground :  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning :  
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.  
I have set God always before me :  
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.  
Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced :  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell :  
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.  
Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy :  
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

### **Today's Anthem will be "Ave Verum" - William Byrd 1543-1623**

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord God, may the gifts we offer increase our love for you and bring us to eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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

- Everyone planning our parish Christmas Fayre on the 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Volunteers in charity shops
- 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
- Joanne Laws, Agnes Walsh and all the recently departed and those who mourn them
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All who pray at home*