

NOTICES

Harvey and Grace Massan, two of St Michael's youngest members, have decided to do a fundraising run for our creaky, leaky, tower. We want to say a big thank you from all of us at St Michael's! For details of their run and how to support them see <http://tiny.cc/2bv9001>

St Michael's needs you. I hope you're all aware by now that we need to elect new wardens and a treasurer at the APCM in May. These are interesting and fulfilling roles as part of the team of paid and volunteer staff who support Jonny to keep the parish running, so please don't assume you haven't the time or skills needed. Instead, talk to Val, Mark or Nigel to find out more about what's involved.

Lent starts this week on Ash Wednesday. As we enter this holy season, come and receive the imposition of ashes at 10.30pm (Communion) or 5.00pm (Evening Prayer and Litany), both at St Michael's.

Lent Course: Our 4-part Lent course this year is called 'Looking at Lent' and is a walk through some of the themes of Lent, each week using a piece of Christian art as our stimulus and guide. Sessions will take place at 11.30 a.m. after our midweek Eucharist and coffee on Wednesdays, beginning on 5th March. Sessions will be followed by a simple soup lunch. To register your interest please contact Jonny on vicar@parishofstmichaels.org.uk. There's no charge, but anyone that wants, can make a contribution towards the costs on the day.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 2nd March 2025

Sunday Next before Lent

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

Ash Wednesday, 5th March 2025

- 9.00 a.m. St Michael's School Service
- 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes
- 5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Litany from the BCP (1662) with opportunity for the imposition of ashes

Sunday, 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

- 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. We worship all together as one church family today, but the children's corner contains themed-worksheets, books and toys if you'd like to keep little people busy; 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 welcomer 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

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he told them all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This

is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Prayer Over the Gifts

God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Ourselves, good preparation for the holy season of Lent, and the spirit of discipline to help with whatever we choose to relinquish over its 40 days.
- Members of PCC, with thanks for their service on behalf of our church communities.
- The mission of the parish
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Jacqui Follett, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Cora Marie Varshney
- Gill Chapman, Jeff Nelson, Stella Sexton, David Slobom, and all the recently departed, and those who mourn them
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who receive Holy Communion at home*