

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/2bv900l>

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.

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of the late Gill Chapman, who was one of our organists at St Mary's, will be held on **Thursday, 20th March at 2.00 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Hemel Hempstead Road, Redbourn, AL3 7NL** For catering purposes, if you are going to the service, could you please let **Brian** (Gill's husband) know on chapmanredbourn@gmx.com Donations in memory of Gill can be made at the service or online to Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care (renniegrovepeace.org/donate)

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 and 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.

Keeping Britain Tidy Litter Pick: Your Mission & Community Committee are organising a community litter pick on **Saturday, 29th March between 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.** Litter picking equipment and a bin bag will be provided. If you can help, please meet at the **Parish Centre from 10.30 a.m. onwards**. Refreshments will be provided.

St Michael's Tots takes place on Tuesdays during term-time in the Parish Centre from 9.30 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. If you would like to help by joining the coffee rota on an occasional basis, please send Jonny an email, on vicar@parishofstmichaels.org.uk



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

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)

Wednesday, 12th March 2025

9.00 a.m.	St Michael's School Service
10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist followed by session 2 of the Lent Course in the Parish Centre

Sunday, 16th March 2025

Second 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. Our Junior Church (groups from 2-5 and 6-11) goes out for their worship in the parish centre during the first hymn. The children's corner also 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.

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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gradual Psalm verses from Psalm 91

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Musical reflection after the sermon Lead me Lord (based on Psalms 5 & 100)
music by S. S. Wesley

Anthem Turn thy face from my sins (based on Psalm 51) – *music by Thomas Attwood*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, make us worthy to bring you these gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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.
- Anyone considering serving the church as a warden or treasurer.
- Jayce Maglione, baptised in the parish this week, and for David Slobom, whose funeral was this week.
- Those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Jacqui Follett, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Cora Marie Varshney
- Gill Chapman, Brenda Helwig, Stella Sexton, David Slobom, and all the recently departed, and those who mourn them.
- This week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Parish Prayer Groups*