

Diary Dates

May			
Sun	23	Pentecost	
Sun	30	Trinity Sunday	
June			
Sun	06	9.30am	All Age Service
July			
Sun	04	9.30am	All Age Service
Sun	11	9.30am	Parish Communion to mark Janet's retirement as DOM (postponed from last July)
Tue	13	7.15pm	PCC meeting

Notes from the Choir

Despite Covid restrictions, St Michael's Choir has continued to sing enthusiastically. Since being appointed Director of Music, most rehearsals have had to take place over Zoom: not an ideal platform for singing, but it has meant that we could still sing as a group. By the magic of technology, music for services had to be recorded separately. John Patten then mixed the parts together: an epic feat, both by him and the recording artistes!

Since Easter, we have finally been able to sing in church and rehearse in person once more. We even have a new member: Mig – you are very welcome to our midst.

New repertoire has been mastered, in addition to some well-known pieces. Within the past few months, we have sung music from plainsong to Tallis, to the contemporary composers of Rutter, Archer and Shephard.

If you enjoy singing, you should definitely consider joining us. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings 7.30-8.45pm in St Michael's and there is no audition. Please do not think that you have to be able to read music fluently, or even at all (although this does help).



The level of commitment is not as rigid as you might think either: the choir members are very much permitted to take rehearsals and services off, either due to work, childcare or holidays. There is a great camaraderie, with rehearsals often containing more laughter than singing. There is even sometimes chocolate!

You are very welcome to come to a rehearsal or two on a trial basis, in order to experience being in the choir. Please contact Alison (or any member of the choir) if you are interested.

Once social distancing regulations are completely lifted, I also plan to start a choir for children: aged from Year 2 upwards. Rehearsal day and time still tbc.

If you or your child(ren) is/are interested, again please contact me.

I am loving being a member of St Michael's: my sincere thanks for your welcome.

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Welcome to the first edition of a news sheet for the benefit of all who cannot or do not use facebook

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TWO BIG DAYS

Pentecost and Trinity Sunday

Two of the church's major festivals fall in May on consecutive Sundays. This might seem a bit of a waste and it might be better to space them out a bit. There is however some logic to it.

The days in question are Pentecost formerly, Whitsun, on 23rd May and Trinity Sunday on 30th May.

Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, is the last of the big biblical events we celebrate in sequence from Advent and Christmas onwards. They mark out the main events of the life of Jesus, culminating in his Ascension into heaven. **Trinity Sunday** celebrates, not an event, but a belief. It is the belief that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and this represents the conclusion of all those events. It is a way of saying what it all adds up to.

Pentecost is, of course, when we think about the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples who were confused and directionless after Jesus had left them. This is not the only description of the giving of the Holy Spirit but it has become the main day the Church celebrates it as it represents an eternal truth that is that Christ is with us.



Both these big days illustrate an issue that Christians have to struggle with. This is how to put their faith into words. One way we do this is to focus our attention on descriptions of big biblical events that reveal the truth to us. Stories are always a good way of conveying truths. Pentecost is like this and provides the colourful mental picture of tongues of fire appearing alongside a mighty rushing wind and then the disciples going out and preaching the gospel. (Acts Chapter 2). **Trinity Sunday** is harder because it is not an event but a way of trying to describe God. Words to describe God are never going to be adequate and that is why people often represent the Trinity with symbols. These include the triangle, the trefoil, the fleur de lis and the triquetra. (You may need to google the last one.)

Simon

Thank you to all contributors to this newsheet. The next one will be out in August. Contributions for the next Parish News should be sent to: janetcpatten@aol.com

Appointments following the APCM

Church wardens are: Connie Clark and Susannah Clarke, with Alan as Warden Emeritus for another year, while Susannah finds her feet.

Deanery Gathering reps are: Tracey Young and Susannah Clarke.

PCC members are: Alan Young, Tracey Young, Anne Screepton, Barry Gillespie, Elaine Ramsey, Heather Williams, Janet Patten, John Morris, Rob Hall, Samantha Free and Sue Wright.

Hendrik Klaver is a co-opted member.

A summary and interpretation of the architects assessment of the south aisle windows. (John P)

The Architect has had a brief examination of the south aisle window that was cracking on the surround.

Initially it was thought that the window itself just needed repair and rebedding in the stonework. However, what seems to have occurred now is that there has been movement in the stonework itself around the windows- both the curved arches and the sides which is more serious.

The south walls and the clerestory windows were repaired in the 1960's and the work undertaken then seems to be the problem. The inner and outer stones do not appear to be tied together and are moving slightly.

Andrew Boyce will now examine the matter in more detail with the stone-masons as it is likely several windows are affected in this way. A detailed tender, work plan and possible grants need considering. In the meantime the scaffolding remains in place to carry out an assessment. The final work may require faculty and several weeks of scaffold in addition to costing a significant sum of cash.

Children in Church



Mothering Sunday marked our first Sunday back in church for services since the 3rd lockdown and we welcomed it with a great All Age service that involved children in church and on zoom. The gradual lifting of restrictions that followed, meant we were able to engage with parents and families in a variety of ways, 'pew bags' in church every Sunday, a children's Good Friday service that was very well attended, continued outreach with the Bible Adventure Bags and All Age service activities for children during this active worship. The fruits of our service on 'Jesus the Vine' can be seen on the noticeboard in church and watch this space as we develop initiatives to continue our support and outreach to young families across the benefice.

Tracey Young

Do keep the donations coming in for the food bank, there are many families who are in need of our help at this time.

A parish address list was compiled last November. If you know of anyone who would like a copy, please contact Connie. (07544 380163)

There are plans to reintroduce a Sunday afternoon Celtic style service in the autumn.



Social Events organised by Adrian:

Coffee at Chapter 1 after Wednesday communion as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Lunch after Wednesday communion :

4th August, 6th Oct and 1st Dec.

Book a place through Adrian 07870 591142.

Coffee at Costa on 1st Sunday of every month starting on 5th September at 3pm.

Meal at the Queen's Head on 3rd November.

There will be a list in church nearer the time.

Ex-chorister Will Lyon-Tupman is to be ordained Deacon at Ely Cathedral on 4th July. He has been training at Westcott House in Cambridge and will serve as curate in a parish where Stanley Griffiths was a former vicar.

Weekday services

Said Communion Service
Wednesdays at 10.30am

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES



Now that things appear to be getting back to normal I need to update the lists of those willing to do duties on Sunday mornings.

Several people have not undertaken sides persons duties and may still wish to be off the list temporarily or permanently but I need to know by 31 May please or I will assume you are willing to help in the same way as before. (696790 or maggsclark@maggsclark.f9.co.uk)

Readings and intercessions have been recorded over the last year but could you now let me know if you are willing to do this from church.

Many thanks for your help. Margaret

Last year saw the retirement of Janet Patten as Organist and Musical Director at St Michael's Church after 37 years. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we weren't able to give her the proper send off she deserved.

This year on Sunday 11th July we will get the chance to say "Thank you" to Janet for her long service and to wish her a Happy Retirement and we would be delighted if, restrictions permitting, you could join us at a special service to celebrate. See 'dates for your diary' for further information.

Sarah Barry

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? If so please consider adding your name to the flower rota.

Further details from
Anne Bell (489423)



From the Registers

Funerals

5th March	John Dunstan
27th April	Dolly Thackray