



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome!

Remember to bring your order of service for the 10am service.

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then #

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Collect for The First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 22. 19-27

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

Be not far from me, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword, my poor life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen.

You have answered me! **[R]**

I will tell of your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. **[R]**

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. **[R]**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. **[R]**

Restless with grief and fear, the abandoned turn to you: in every hour of trial, good Lord, deliver us, O God most holy, God most strong, whose wisdom is the cross of Christ. Amen.

Gospel for The First Sunday after Trinity, Luke 8. 26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children of all ages, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions, stories, crafts, puzzles, and even some acting for those that want ... for all ages to share together; then various age related activities). **We're delighted to say that in this last ten months we've grown enough to enable a fortnightly breakout session for older children/young people too: during the sermon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, also in the Lady Chapel.** There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more!

You might also like to explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page. There are loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



Newsletter and Notices

Parish Office – The Parish Office is closed for the duration of the bell restoration works. Katharine is working from home and may be readily contacted by email, or chat to her after the Wednesday Holy Communion service.

Love Stortford litter picking Monday 20th June, 6pm – ‘As part of the Churches Together ‘Love Stortford Week’ our house group are doing some litter picking. If anyone else would like to join, please contact Bill Macdonald (07768 71177), or just turn up when we meet to collect our gear at the Hub Church, Apton Road.’

Mothers’ Union Wave of Prayer Service, Wednesday 22nd June at 9:30am – All are welcome to join our 20-minute service in church, on this year’s theme, *Transformation Now!* Please bring a service sheet with you, if you have one.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 22nd June, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Due to the bells’ work, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 22nd June, 11 for 11:15am in the WCC – Worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers; with a story, singing and instruments for little ones too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a little chance for the children to play before/after the service.

Bishop's Stortford Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm – St Michael's is providing space at the WCC for Ukranian guests and their host families to meet together, along with some informal language lessons, once a week. We need to provide some volunteers to be on hand during this time, hopefully for a two-hour slot each. We've enjoyed some great, and busy, sessions, offering a very light lunch, but we will have no idea how many people will turn up each week or for how long they will want to stay. This is an evolving situation, depending on what amount of support hosts and their guests would like, and I hope, as St Michael's rep on the BS Hospitality Support Group, there are other volunteers who will come along. Please let me know if you are willing to help with these support sessions. Jenny Klincke (833523 / jennyklincke@gmail.com)

Auction of Bell Fittings from St Michael's Bells, Friday 24th June – Viewing from 1pm and auction at 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Auction lots to include Clappers, Wheels, Stays, Sliders, Ropes, Pulleys, Ladders and Running Boards. Ideal for wall / house / garden decorations / craft projects. Do come along and have a look!

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 25th June, 9:30am – All welcome.

Funeral of Sybil Smith, Monday 27th June, 11:30am – Sybil’s family would like to extend an invitation to Sybil’s church friends to attend her funeral and refreshments afterwards at The Shearers. Wearing black clothes is not essential. The service will be broadcast by Zoom (Meeting ID: 846 662 9590, Passcode: 834900).



Friends of St Michael's, Saturday 2nd July – Family Fun Day, then concert at 7 for 7:30pm: ‘The World of Gilbert & Sullivan’, performed by The Wandering Minstrels. £17 including finger buffet (£19 on the door). Tickets via TicketTailor [here](#) or contact Rob Klincke. Rob is also requesting good quality bric-a-brac for one of the stalls at the fun day: please bring donations along and leave them at the back of the church, on the green carpet. Thank you.

TLC Tuesday 5th July, 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC – An opportunity to be able to join in with tea and talk, read the paper, play board games ... and then later in the afternoon we welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play and enjoy a biscuit/cake/fruit snack. Do come along ... and tell your friends too! We'll begin with a short time of prayer just after 2:15pm before our session at 2:30pm, until about 4:30pm. This coming month, we're having a summer holiday theme!

8am services will be fortnightly over the summer holidays – There will be NO 8am service on 31st July, 14th or 28th August. There will be **Holy Communion available at 10am on 14th and 28th August**. Weekly 8am Holy Communion services resume on 4th September and continue onwards.

We're still preparing for this year's Holiday Bible Week, 1st-5th August – It's going to be a wonderful year! If all this is new to you: it's a hugely successful week-long festival of learning about the Bible with fun, crafts and games for children, put together by the churches of Bishop's Stortford. We do need more volunteers – we encourage you, with all your various gifts, to volunteer for all or part of the week! (We need adults especially and have room for young people too!) Sign up at the [HBW website](#).

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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