



# This Week

## Morning Prayer 8:45am Tuesday – Friday

<b>Monday</b>		Bank Holiday – church closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	12noon	Service of Thanksgiving for Janet Mead followed by refreshments in the Charnley Hall
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals in church
	7:45 for 8pm	Deanery Synod, WCC CH
	8pm	Alpha 4 Home Group, 21 Marlborough Close
<b>Wednesday</b>	All day	Church building maintenance begins (5 weeks)
	9am-7pm	Headteacher Appointment Panel, WCC CH, 1/2/3
	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	1:45 for 2pm	Mothers' Union meeting, St Joseph's Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	1pm	QI lunch, WCC CH
	2pm	QI meeting in church
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
<b>Friday</b>	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	9-10am	Admission to Holy Communion prep, WCC CH
	9am	Bulgarian education session, WCC1/2
	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	8:50am	Parish Breakfast, WCC CH
	10am	Parish Communion
	3pm	An Afternoon Tea, WCC CH
	6pm	Evensong

Take a look at our website/twitter/facebook today and give us a ; it's an important part of our Outreach!



# Newsletter

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel  
10am • Parish Praise  
11:15am • Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism  
*Refreshments in the church afterwards*  
1pm • Company on Sunday Lunch, WCC CH

**Prayer Ministry.** There is an opportunity for personal prayer; for giving thanks, for healing or for other matters at the end of the 10am service. Please go to the Lady Chapel where two members of the church will be available to pray with you. Remember that if you are ill **in hospital or at home** and you would like a member of the ministry team to visit you please contact the Parish Office.

**Large Print Versions** of this newsletter, the Sunday readings, the service and the hymn book are available from the Welcome Desk.

**We welcome all visitors to our services today.** Please make yourself known to the clergy and those at the Welcome Desk. Tea and fresh coffee is served in the Windhill Churches Centre after the 10am service to provide visitors and regular members of the congregation with an opportunity to get to know each other better. Leaflets are available in the Publicity Area providing information about many aspects of church life.

**School Signing-in Book** – Please sign the register at the Welcome Desk if looking to apply for school admissions under church attendance categories.

*Gift Aid is vital to the funding of St Michael's Church.  
If you are a taxpayer, please place your offering in a completed  
Gift Aid envelope and place it in the Collection. Many thanks.*

Charity Registration Number 1130646

**Please turn off and do not use your mobile phones and other electronic devices during our services. Thank you very much.**

**For the latest news and information, please visit our website:**  
[www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)



# Notices

**Today:**

*At our 11:15am service of Sung Eucharist with the Choir, we celebrate the Baptism of Jonathan Carr and Louis Jones.*

**No parking in the Churchyard please** – From 8<sup>th</sup> May for five weeks (end date to be advised). This applies from Monday to Friday, other than dropping off disabled parishioners, and is due to five year maintenance work on the church building.

**Parish Breakfast, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - from 8:50-9:50am in the Windhill Churches Centre. Please sign the sheet in the Publicity Area if you're coming but don't worry if you forget as everyone is welcome.

**Afternoon Tea, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Everybody is warmly invited to Afternoon Tea at 3pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. We are delighted that students from Bishop's Stortford College will be attending to entertain us. Come and enjoy good company and conversation and a wonderful tea. Please sign the list at the back of Church and don't forget to let us know about dietary requirements and whether you require a lift. Pam Johnson- Cook (jandpjc@dsl.pipex.com / 504012).

**Forthcoming Concerts, 18<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Please note the Three Valleys Male Voice Choir concert at 7:30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> May, in aid of the Bells Appeal and also the Music for Four Hands Piano Duet Concert on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm, in aid of the church. Posters in the Publicity Area for more information; they promise to be great events so please come along and support the performers.

**Anointing and laying on of hands** – At Parish Communion on **Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> July**, and at the 10am service on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

**Churches Together Week of Prayer, 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May** – Please sign up today to pray at the URC, at some or all of the time between 7pm and 9pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. More information in the Publicity Area, along with the sign-up sheet.

**Ascension Day Sung Eucharist** – Do consider coming to this special service for one of the most important but under-rated festivals of the church year. Stirring hymns, a powerful message of Jesus' triumph and lovely music. Do join us if you can: **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.**

**Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer, 30<sup>th</sup> May-9<sup>th</sup> June** – There are a number of resources for this at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and note the Beacon Celebration at St Albans on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm.

**Guide to Holy Communion** – Copies of this useful guide, written by Derek, are freely available to members of the congregation. Please help yourself. They can be found in the Publicity Area.

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**Love Stortford, 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June** – This project is supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford during the week before the Town Carnival on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The idea is that each church makes whatever contributions it wishes in order to demonstrate the love of God to our Community. Please pick up a flyer which gives further details. Email [derekhinge@gmail.com](mailto:derekhinge@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Outreach to Stortford North meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, WCC** – For those who have undertaken this outreach, in December and/or this Spring, and for those who have expressed interest but not yet been actively involved. Anyone else who may be interested in getting involved is most welcome too. We'll reflect on the experience of our outreach so far and consider next steps for the future.

**Thanksgiving Service for Ian Shaw** – This will be at 2pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The family warmly invite all who would like to give thanks for Ian to join them.

**HBW 2019 'The Incredible Journey', 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August** – The [HBW website](http://HBW website) is now live, so adult volunteers and children please sign-up as soon as possible! Do look at the display at the back of the church to get a feel for the event.

**Church Management System and New Website** – We've just launched the 'login' functionality on our new system. If you're an adult who completed a data collection form plus an email address, you should have received two emails - one about the system generally and one with your login details. Please look out for them and add "church@saintmichaelweb.org.uk" to your contacts or safe senders list so that they don't end up in your junk folders. Any questions to Roger Sudbury.

**Electoral Roll Renewal** – Thanks to Susan Campbell for compiling the new Roll which is now on display. A number of late applications have come in and will be processed at the PCC on 13<sup>th</sup> May. If you've not yet applied for entry on the new Roll and would like to, forms remain available in the Welcome Area. Thank you.

**For visitors to St Michael's, a new way of giving** – We have a new text messaging giving account. It will accept donations from £2 to £20. Text **STMIC** followed by any amount between **2** and **20** to **70085**. Try it, it works quickly and easily! Many thanks!

**Books to read** – If anyone has any devotional/spiritual books in good condition that they would like to add to the glass bookcases for others to read (in the understanding that they *may* not be returned), please place them in the bookcase.

The Rev'd Derwyn Williams (Vicar)	653867	Churchwarden: Rosemary Thomson	758389
The Rev'd Derek Hinge (PTO)	652173	Deputy Churchwardens:	
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**Mums of St Michael's Prayer & Fellowship Group, WCC** – Being a mum can be tough. Trade anxiety for hope, joy and peace in a friendly, prayerful environment. Next meeting on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.



Transport help volunteers: Pauline (652173), Rob (833523), Rosemary (758389)

