



This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	10am	Craft Group, WCC CH
	10:15am	Wardens' meeting, WCC1
	7:45pm	PCC meeting, WCC CH
Tuesday	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
Thursday	9:45am	Church Home Group
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Friday	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9am	Bulgarian education session, WCC1/2
	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
	7:30pm	Concert with Three Valleys Male Voice Choir
Next Sunday	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism <i>also with option of anointing with oil for healing</i>
	6pm	Choral Evensong

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



Newsletter

Sunday 12th May 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
8:50-9:50am • Parish Breakfast, WCC CH
10am • Parish Communion
3pm • An Afternoon Tea, WCC CH
6pm • Evensong

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**



Notices

Today:

All are welcome to Parish Breakfast from 8:50-9:50am in the WCC.

At our 10am service we welcome the newly baptised Jonathan Carr and Louis Jones; using the response: **"Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father"**.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Jonathan and Louis, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body: **"We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you!"**

The anthem at our 10am service is 'The Lord is my Shepherd' (Goodall).

Everybody is warmly invited to Afternoon Tea at 3pm in the Centre. We're delighted that students from Bishop's Stortford College will be attending to entertain us. Enjoy good company and conversation and a wonderful tea.

June Parish Magazine Deadline today – Please send all items to Robert Oliver at r.oliver2803@gmail.com or leave them in the Parish Office.

Christian Aid Week, 12th-18th May – Thank you to all who agreed to be part of our collecting team this year. The bags and envelopes are at the back of the church today. If anyone else would like to join us, please contact Carole & Bill (503598).

No parking in the Churchyard – From 13th 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.

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 17th May**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

Forthcoming Concerts, 18th May and 8th June – Please note the Three Valleys Male Voice Choir concert at 7:30pm on 18th May, in aid of the Bells Appeal and also the Music for Four Hands Piano Duet Concert on 8th 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 19th May and 21st July**, and at the 10am service on **Wednesday 19th June**, we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

Churches Together Week of Prayer, 20th-24th May – Please sign up today to pray at the URC, at some or all of the time between 7pm and 9pm on Thursday 23rd 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. Join us if you can: **Thursday 30th May at 8pm.**

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Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer, 30th May-9th June – There are a number of resources for this at www.thykingdomcome.global and note the Beacon Celebration at St Albans on Saturday 9th June at 6:30pm.

Love Stortford, 10th-15th June – This project is being supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford during the week before the Carnival on 15th 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 booklet which contains lots of ways to get involved. We want this to be a visible demonstration of our love for the town, so everyone is invited to wear a special t-shirt during the week. Orders may be placed in the Publicity Area before 21st May. See also John Barfoot's Viewpoint in last Wednesday's Independent. Any ideas or questions? Email derekhinge@gmail.com

Outreach to Stortford North meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 18th 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 24th June. The family warmly invite all who would like to give thanks for Ian to join them.

Mystery tour Tuesday 2nd July – £20 including coach travel and cream tea at our destination. Details are in the magazine and a sign-up folder is in the Publicity Area. Please sign up if you wish to come on this surprise event asap so that we can definitely go ahead. Further information from me. Rosemary 758389.

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.

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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