



This Week Newsletter

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	10am	Craft Group, WCC CH
Tuesday	11am 7:45pm 8pm	Staff meeting, WCC CH WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH Alpha 4 Home Group, 14 Marshbarns
Wednesday	10am 10:45am	Holy Communion Tiny Tots
Thursday	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Friday	2pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Mac Grant <i>followed by refreshments in the Charnley Hall</i>
Saturday	9am 9:30am am 10am	Bulgarian education session, WCC1/2 Prayers for our community Rhodes Museum Walk Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
Next Sunday	8am 10am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Communion No service at 6pm

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

Sunday 19th May 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
10am • Parish Communion with Holy Baptism
also with option of prayers and anointing with oil for healing
6pm • Choral 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:

*At our 10am service we celebrate the baptism of Ruby Creed and Imogen Devlin.
The anthem at our 6pm Choral Evensong service is 'And I saw a new heaven'
(Bainton).*

Thank you for all your hard work, donations and prayers during Christian Aid Week. There will be a red bucket and envelopes in church during services today, if anyone would like to make a donation and has not yet been able to do so.

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.

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. Do join us if you can: **Thursday 30th May at 8pm.**

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.

Music for Four Hands Piano Duet, 8th June – All are warmly invited to this concert from Martin Huggett and Oliver King on Saturday 8th June at 7:30pm. Retiring collection in aid of work on the church following the break-in. The repertoire will include works by Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Fauré's 'Dolly Suite'.

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. Any ideas or questions? Email derekhinge@gmail.com

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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.

URGENT NEED FOR HELPERS FOR HBW 5th-9th August – HBW has received more than 400 applications from children for this year's event: 'The Incredible Journey'. It needs more adult support to welcome these numbers so please sign-up as soon as possible on the HBW website. Do look at the display at the back of the church to get a feel for the event. Launch event for helpers on 6th June.

Church Management System and New Website – We've recently 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.

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!

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.

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.

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