

This Week Newsletter



Morni	ng Prayer	8:45am	Tuesday -	Friday

Bank Holiday - church closed Monday

Tuesday WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH 7:45pm

Holy Communion Wednesday 10am

> 10:45am Tiny Tots

Church Home Group, WCC CH Thursday 9:45am

10:30am **Ascension** Quiet Day, Albury Day

WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH 7:45pm

7:30pm Choir rehearsal

Sung Eucharist for Ascension 8pm

Friday Wedding rehearsal 4pm

> 6:20pm Junior Choir rehearsal

7:30pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday Bulgarian education session, WCC1/2 9am

> Prayers for our community 9:30am

Interviews for Banns and Weddings 10am

(by appointment only)

Wedding of Gary Jones and Alison Jordan 12noon

Private Party, WCC CH 1-6pm

Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Next 8am

Sunday 10am Parish Praise

> Sung Eucharist with the Choir 11:15am

Company on Sunday Lunch, WCC CH 1pm Bridge Youth Church, Holy Trinity 5pm

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



Sunday 26th May 2019 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel 10am • Parish Communion No service at 6pm

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

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Today:

Junior Church having a Half Term break today but we have prepared some fun activity sheets for children to work on, should they wish, during the services. The sheets, plus a box of glues, pencils, scissors and plain paper is available at the back of the church. (Please return the stationery items to the box afterwards!) The Footprints sheets relate to the Gospel reading so we have tucked the Sunday reading sheet in too; do encourage your child to follow the Gospel as it is read! There is still a staffed crèche behind the screen doors.

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.

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, **this Thursday**, **30**th **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.

Card for Lloyd Davis – After many years faithful service to Bridge Youth Church, Lloyd is leaving and is to be ordained at the end of June. His last Bridge will be **Sunday 2**nd **June, 5pm at Holy Trinity**. There's a card in the Publicity Area (or in the Office during the week) if you'd like to sign it.

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. 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. Any ideas or questions? Email <u>derekhinge@gmail.com</u>

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 14**th **June**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

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.

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.

Anointing and laying on of hands – At the 10am service on Wednesday 19th June and at Parish Communion on Sunday 21st July, we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

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 <u>HBW website</u>. 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.

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