



# This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Holiday Bible Week, *The Incredible Journey*

Bishop's Stortford College, Pre-Prep; Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Monday</b>	10am	Craft Group, WCC CH
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am 10:45am	Holy Communion Tiny Tots
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30am	Paint with God Day, Albury
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am 10am- 12noon	Prayers for our community Working Party
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am 10am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Communion <b>No service at 6pm</b>

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it's an important part of our Outreach!



# Newsletter

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel  
10am • Parish Communion  
3pm • Holiday Bible Week Commissioning Service,  
Bishops Stortford College Pre-Prep School  
**No service at 11:15am or 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](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)



# Notices

**Today:**

At our 10am service we welcome the newly baptised Cara Lowe and Toby Shaw; 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: Cara and Toby, 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!"**

*Junior Church returns on 8<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, we've prepared some fun activity sheets for children to enjoy, should they wish, during the services. The sheets, plus a box of glues, pencils, scissors and paper are available at the back of the church. (Please return the stationery items afterwards). The 'Footprints' sheet relates to the Gospel reading so we'll tuck the Sunday reading sheet in too; do help your child to follow the Gospel as it is read! There is still a quiet space for the older children/staffed crèche for young ones behind the screen doors.*

*All are warmly invited to The Holiday Bible Week Commissioning Service at 3pm at The Bishop's Stortford College Pre-Prep School (Great Hadham Road).*

*Please continue to pray for all those attending and helping throughout the week.*

*There will be no 6pm service until 8<sup>th</sup> September when Evensong will resume.*

**Parish Office** – This week the office will not be fully operational. However, answerphone messages will be checked regularly.

**No parking in the Churchyard** – This applies from Monday to Friday, other than dropping off disabled parishioners, and is due to five year maintenance work on the church building. Our builders have almost finished this work but will be commencing the break-in repairs shortly. Thank you for your patience.

**Gillian Killingbeck's memorial service, 12:30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> August, St Mary's Chiddingstone.** Denys has asked that those at St Michael's who knew Gill might like to spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanksgiving and reflection at that time.

**Working Party, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** – Meet at the church at 10am and help spruce up the church and churchyard. We'll be working until 12noon but any time you can spare will be most welcome. Refreshments served.

**Mums of St Michael's Prayer & Fellowship Group, WCC** – We're taking a break for the summer but return on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** with coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

**St Michael's Quiet Day, 'Praying with your senses', 14<sup>th</sup> September, Albury** – Workshops with different styles of prayer, corporate worship, and space to enjoy your own contemplation. The timetable and sign-up sheet are in the Publicity Area.

**Anointing and laying on of hands** – At the 10am service on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

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**The Friends' Outing, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – This year we're going to Bury St Edmunds: to St Edmundsbury Cathedral. We will travel by coach (8:15am from Sainsbury's Thorley and 8:30am from St Michael's) and have a guided tour on arrival. The rest of the time, you'll be free to enjoy the day and all the attractions available, back in Bishop's Stortford at about 6pm. Sign up in the Publicity Area in church or contact Rob ([robertklincke@gmail.com](mailto:robertklincke@gmail.com) / 833523).

**Lunch Bunch** – For those who would like to be involved in a scheme to support local families with lunches at Holy Trinity and the Methodist Church in these school holidays, do see the poster in the Publicity Area.

**Guide to Holy Communion** – Copies of this useful guide, written by Derek, are freely available to members of the congregation. Please help yourself.

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

**Appointment of Headteacher** – St Michael's School is delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Joanne Fradd as Headteacher from September. We invite the church family to pray for her and our school community. Mrs Fradd will be joining us to participate in Parish Praise on 1<sup>st</sup> September – an opportunity to pray with her and for her at the start of term.

**Bishops Stortford Foodbank seek a new Secretary from September** – A voluntary position but we serve good cups of tea plenty of biscuits! The Trustees meet 4-5 times a year, and our Secretary works with our Chairman to: prepare an agenda; take notes at meetings; present minutes etc. They will need to be well organised and IT literate. It's a great way to serve the local community and help those who are suffering from food poverty. If you can spare a few hours and are interested in joining the team, please contact [bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk)

**Employing a Families Minister** – We sent out an email to all church members recently, to update them on the work being done on this exciting project and to see what support there might be for specific giving towards the employment of a Families Minister. Thank you to those who have indicated interest! This information will be really helpful - as it will affect the salary and hours we are able to fund. Follow this link to see the update:

[saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Articles/542984/Education\\_Group.aspx](http://saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Articles/542984/Education_Group.aspx)

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