

This Week Newsletter



Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th 10am Holy Communion

> 10:45am **Tiny Tots**

Funeral of Maureen Wacev 12:30pm

then refreshments in the Charnlev Hall

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Saturday 17th 9:30am Prayers for our community

Sunday 18th Holy Communion, Lady Chapel 8am

> 10am Parish Communion No service at 6pm

Monday 19th Craft Group, WCC CH 10am

Tuesday 20th

Wednesday 21st 10am Holy Communion

> Tiny Tots 10:45am

Thursday 22nd Wedding of Marcus Cattell and 12noon

Laura Fitzsimons

Friday 23rd

Saturday 24th Prayers for our community 9:30am

Sunday 25th Holy Communion, Lady Chapel 8am

> Parish Communion 10am 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!

For the latest news and information, please visit our website: www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk

Sunday 11th August 2019 **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

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

Sunday 18th August 2019 **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

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.

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Today:

Junior Church returns on 8th 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 to the box afterwards). The 'Footprints' sheets relate to the Gospel reading each Sunday 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 each Sunday.

There will be no 6pm service until 8th September when Evensong will resume.

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.

WCC Working Party, 7th **September 10am-12noon –** Now that the Centre is 10 years old we try to look after the building as best as we can. So if you enjoy the facilities offered week by week please do come along and give a hand, washing down paintwork, cleaning tables and chairs and making the kitchen as welcoming as possible. Refreshments will be on offer as we work alongside our neighbours from St Joseph's. All cleaning materials provided. Rosemary.

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

St Michael's Quiet Day, 'Praying with your senses', 14th 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**th **September** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

The Friends' Outing, Saturday 21st 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 / 833523).

Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Bicentenary Display – The Rhodes Museum is currently showing the first part of their Display, which features Puppets Galore and Gideons, before the main event in the Autumn. Free entry to the Museum.

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!

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.

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 1st September – an opportunity to pray with her and for her at the start of term.

Thefts – Sadly we have been the victim of thefts from the Parish post trays/offertory box once again. Please do not place anything of value (including greetings cards) in the trays. We are fortunate to have CCTV and identify culprits but only after the event.

Books to read – There are a number of devotional/spiritual books in the glass bookcases at the back of the church. Please feel free to borrow them.

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

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

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