



This Week Newsletter



Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday 26th		Bank holiday: No Morning Prayer, Church closed
Tuesday 27th		
Wednesday 28th	10am 10:45am	Holy Communion Tiny Tots
Thursday 29th	10:30am 8pm	Quiet Day, Albury Families Minister planning meeting, WCC CH
Friday 30th		
Saturday 31st	9:30am 10am 11am	Prayers for our community Interviews for Banns and Weddings Wardens' meeting, WCC CH
Sunday 1st September	8am 10am 11:15am 1pm	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Praise Sung Eucharist with the Choir Company on Sunday Lunch, WCC CH
Monday 2nd	2pm 4:30pm	MU committee meeting, WCC1 Worship Group meeting, WCC 2
Tuesday 3rd	11am 7:45-9:45pm	Staff meeting, WCC CH WLTC Auditions, WCC CH
Wednesday 4th	10am 10:45am 8-10pm	Holy Communion Tiny Tots Stortford Climate Group planning meeting, WCC1
Thursday 5th	12-5pm 7:45-9:45pm 8pm	Medical Centre meeting, WCC CH, 1 & 2 WLTC Auditions, WCC CH Holly Fair planning meeting, WCC1/2
Friday 6th	6:20pm 7:30pm	Junior Choir rehearsal Choir rehearsal
Saturday 7th	9:30am 10am 10am-12noon 7pm	Prayers for our community Interviews for Banns and Weddings Working Party for WCC Big Clean Bellringing talk and supper, WCC CH
Sunday 8th	8am 8:50-9:50am 10am 12:30pm 5pm 6pm	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Breakfast, WCC CH Parish Communion Holy Baptism Bridge Youth Church, Holy Trinity Evensong

Sunday 25th August 2019 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 1st September 2019 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
10am • Parish Praise
11:15am • Sung Eucharist with the Choir
1pm • Company on Sunday Lunch, WCC CH

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

**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.

Parish Praise, Sunday 1st September – St Michael's School is delighted to welcome 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.

Company on Sunday Lunch, Sunday 1st September – Do sign up in the Publicity Area if you'd like to join us for a two or three course meal. Whether you're alone or just fancy a change for lunch once a month, do bear these occasions in mind.

No parking in the Churchyard – This continues to apply from Monday to Friday, other than dropping off disabled parishioners, and is due to the last of the five year maintenance work on the church building and the break-in repairs. 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.

Bellringing Talk and Supper, Saturday 7th September, 7pm – A talk at the Windhill Churches Centre on the history of bellringing (including bellringing here at St Michael's). Tickets £10 including supper, all proceeds to the Bell Restoration Fund. Tickets from the bellringers or alan.padgett.inbox@gmail.com

Parish Breakfast, Sunday 8th September – from 8:50-9:50am in the Windhill Churches Centre. Please sign the sheet in the Publicity Area if you're coming but don't worry if you forget as everyone is welcome.

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 **Friday 13th September**. 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.

Youth Ministry in the Deanery – Anyone who is interested in youth ministry within our area is encouraged to attend the next Bishop's Stortford Deanery Synod meeting, (**Tuesday 17th September** at 8pm, St James the Great, Thorley) which will be focusing on this important subject.

Anointing and laying on of hands – At the 10am service on **Wednesday 18th September** and at the 10am Parish Communion service on **Sunday 20th October** 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).

Confirmation Service at All Saints, 7:30pm, Wednesday 23rd October – A number of adults and young people have had conversations with me recently, about maybe exploring the Christian Faith more deeply and possibly preparing for Confirmation. May I invite you to think and pray about whether you, or your young person, may possibly like to be involved in preparation sessions (an evening group, or an after-school session for young people, or more informal meetings if the numbers are small, perhaps daytime in the centre, or an evening in a participant's home). If you'd like more information, please speak to me. Thank you, Derwyn.

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.

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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