



# This Week

## Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

<b>Monday</b>	2pm	MU Committee meeting, WCC1
<b>Tuesday</b>	8pm	Alpha 4 Home Group, 1 Chesfield Close
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am 10:45am 1:45 for 2pm	Holy Communion Tiny Tots Mothers' Union meeting, WCC CH
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30am 2pm 7:30pm	Paint with God Day, Albury School Harvest Service WCC Committee meeting, Upper Room
<b>Friday</b>	9am 6:20pm 7:30pm	Mums' Prayer & Fellowship, WCC CH Junior Choir rehearsal Choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am 10am  10am 5:30pm 7:30pm	Prayers for our community Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only) Wardens' meeting, WCC CH Rehearsal 'Youth Calls the Tune' Concert
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am 10am 12:30pm	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Communion Holy Baptism <b>No service at 6pm</b>

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

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[www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)



# Newsletter

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Harvest Festival

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel  
10am • Parish Praise  
11:15am • Sung Eucharist with the Choir  
12:45pm • Harvest Lunch, WCC CH  
3:30pm • Moore birthday party, WCC CH  
5pm • Bridge Youth Church

**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.



# Notices

**Today:**

*We will celebrate Harvest at our 8am, 10am and 11:15am services.*

*We thank the flower team for their hard work in preparing our beautiful arrangements for today and also thank Mayfield Farm Bakery for their gift of the Harvest Sheaf loaf.*

*Harvest gifts will be given to Bishop's Stortford Foodbank.*

*The Bishop's Harvest Appeal, 'Light up Tanzania', aims to bring solar electricity to the poor and isolated rural communities of the Singida region. The Red Bucket for donations will be near the church door at services this Sunday and next.*

*Bridge Youth Church worship is from 5pm in Church, followed by chilli and rice afterwards, plus a retro videogame tournament! We warmly welcome all young people and their families.*

**Parking in the Churchyard** – Please be aware that the churchyard is needed intermittently for workmen attending to repairs, so parking is not always available.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – From 10am to 12noon at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church. Homemade cakes and plant stall. Hope you can come to support this good cause.

**'Connect' Discussion Group & Bridge Youth Alpha, next on 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in term time from 7:30-9pm at Thirst Café. It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn more so we encourage you to come along, especially if you don't attend Bridge already. And come along even if you can't make all the weeks: even one session is better than missing out on the whole thing!

**Anointing and laying on of hands** – At the 10am Parish Communion service on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** and at the 10am Holy Communion on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

**First Holy Communion** – If you'd like to find out more about preparation for Holy Communion, for baptised young people aged 8+, do have a chat with the Vicar.

**A few dates for your diary** – On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** we will celebrate Holy Communion at 8am, All Age Communion at 10am, Choral Matins at 11:15am and our service of Commemoration of All Souls at 4pm. Then on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, we have Holy Communion at 8am, Parish Communion for Remembrance Sunday at 10am, and a special Taizé Service at 6pm. More details in due course.

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**Friends of St Michael's Quiz, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – This popular quiz is back! 7 for 7:30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Tables of 8, £10 per person to include supper. Tickets via Rob Klincke.

**Thanksgiving for Rob's Reader Ministry, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – As Rob 'retires' from licensed ministry and receives his Permission to Officiate, we have the opportunity to mark this with him at the 10am Parish Communion.

**Visit to Rochester Dickensian Christmas Fair, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – We now have enough seats booked to go ahead and so if you can now pay the £20 cash to me, in person, you will receive your booking confirmation and more information! Many thanks, Rosemary.

**Employing a Families Minister** – The PCC has decided that the Church should employ a Families Minister, to work with children, young people and their families. The post will shortly be advertised but in the meantime information on the post, including the Mission Statement, Personal Profile and Job Specification, is on our website: [saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Articles/542984/Education\\_Group.aspx](http://saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Articles/542984/Education_Group.aspx) If any member of St Michael's that has a particular interest or expertise in recruitment would like to help the small group dealing with this - they would be most welcome. Please contact [bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bill.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

**Church Membership** - We are trying to keep up-to-date details of all members of St Michael's on our Church management system. If you've completed a data collection form in the last 12 months, then your details are on the system already. If you joined St Michael's more recently and have not completed a form, please complete one today, so that we have up-to-date details for you. Forms are available in the Publicity Area and completed forms should be placed in the black box. Any questions, please speak to Roger Sudbury or email him at [roger.sudbury@gmail.com](mailto:roger.sudbury@gmail.com)

**Offer your hand for international friendship this Christmas!** Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus and would love to spend a few days with you experiencing Christmas festivities. Hosting is voluntary and suitable for all ages with the HOST charity. [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) / 020 7739 6292.

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