



# This Week

## Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am-4pm	'Mossing-up' of holly rings, WCC CH
	7:45pm	PCC meeting, WCC CH
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am-4pm	'Mossing-up' of holly rings, WCC CH
	2:30pm	Funeral of Michael Wood
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
	8pm	Alpha 4 Home Group, 54 Mazoe Road
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am-1pm	'Mossing-up' of holly rings, WCC CH
	10am	Holy Communion, with option of anointing for healing
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	7-9pm	Stortford Foodbank Trustees' meeting, WCC CH
	8pm	Holly Fair meeting, WCC1/2
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30am-1pm	Fire alarm service, WCC
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
<b>Friday</b>	9am	St Michael's Mums Prayer & Fellowship, WCC CH
	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Flower Group meeting, WCC CH
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
	11:30am	Burial of Ashes of Megan Hodson
	2:15pm	Bellringing for St Joseph's wedding
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion set to Chilcott's <i>A Little Jazz Mass</i>
	12:30pm	Holy Baptism
	6pm	Evensong

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



# Newsletter

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Second Sunday before Advent

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel  
 10am • Parish Communion,  
 with thanksgiving for Rob Klincke's Reader Ministry  
 6pm • Choral Evensong

**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:**

At our 10am service we mark with our Reader Rob Klincke his transition from Licensed Ministry to Permission to Officiate. This is an opportunity to gather, to reflect with gratitude on Rob's service, and pray for his on-going ministry among us. Rob generously invites us all to share some celebration and fellowship with him, and friends from further afield whom he has invited, over special refreshments in the WCC after our worship.

The Choir anthem at the 6pm Choral Evensong service is 'All we like sheep' (Handel): All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way. And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

**Holly Ring mossaing-up, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November** – All are welcome to join us and help in the WCC at any time between 9:30am-4pm ('til 12noon Wednesday).

**Anointing and laying on of hands** – At the 10am Holy Communion on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** and at the 10am Parish Communion on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

**Salvation Army Toy Appeal** – Once again our local Salvation Army is hoping to provide for over 300 East Herts children (100 families). If you're able to help by donating new toys/books/crafts (for 0-12 year olds), chocolates, wrapping paper or tape to the Salvation Army Shop on South Street by 14<sup>th</sup> December then it will most definitely be appreciated! Please see the note in the Publicity Area for more precise information.

**Christmas Fayre, St Michael's School, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 12-3pm** – Santa's Grotto • Café • Festive performances from pupils • Games Room • Tombola • Cakes • Seasonal games • Raffle • Bottle Stall • Craft room • Gift stalls and more!

**Readings** – Please call or email the Parish Office if you'd like to offer to read at the Advent Procession on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm.

**Travelling Crib** - The crib makes its way around the parish in Advent: from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, with a blessing at the 10am service. Hosting the crib for a night is a wonderful chance to share with children the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Do please sign up in the Publicity Area.

**#FollowTheStar 2019** – We invite you to sign up now for the Church of England's '12 Days of Christmas Wonder' reflections: [www.churchofengland.org/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar). There will also be some special content to take us through Advent. Home groups might be interested in the booklet for their Advent or Christmas sessions.

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**Company at Christmas** – Every year, Churches Together Bishop's Stortford give a party for anyone in our town who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Please sign the list in the Publicity Area if you can help or drive on Christmas Day and please come to the meeting on **4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm** at the Methodist Church. Any queries, do contact Margaret Fox (658638) or Jenny Klincke (833523).

**Holly Fair, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30am-1:30pm** – Holly Fair is fast approaching and there are 2 sign-up sheets on the Welcome Desk for people to say:

- if they can donate items to any of the stalls - and collecting boxes are situated behind the desk to receive donations.
  - We also need volunteers to help make Holly Rings anytime in the week before the Holly Fair.
- Many thanks in anticipation!

**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/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx](http://saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx)

**Director of Music Vacancy** – This is now entered on the Church website vacancies webpage (as above), with supporting documentation available there. Please feel free to disseminate this information and documents through any channels you think may be helpful. And please pray for God's guidance in this process, and for his call to be heard by the right person and discerned by us here. Many thanks, Derwyn.

**Recycling** – St Michael's School has inspired us to collect crisp packets. The school council team collects, sorts and takes them (along with other items) down to the night shelter collecting point so the shelter benefits from the money and the school benefits by knowing they are doing a tiny bit to keep the planet clean. If you bring *your* crisp packets to Church we will take them directly to the night shelter.

**Churches Together Christmas Cards** – These will be coming soon. Please take a pack to deliver, to spread the message of Christmas services to homes in our Parish and remind everyone what it is that we are celebrating. Plus, we can pray a blessing on each home we deliver to, as we go round. **This year we need extra volunteers to cover Stortford North too!** If you would like to take part in delivering to the new homes in Stortford Fields / St Michael's Hurst, there will be a short informal meeting over coffee in the WCC after Parish Communion on **24<sup>th</sup> November** to discuss.

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