



This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	10am 2-5pm	Craft Group, WCC CH Meeting, WCC1/2
Tuesday		
Wednesday	10am 10:45am	Holy Communion Tiny Tots
Thursday	9:45am	Church Home Group, WCC CH
Friday	11am-9pm 6:20pm 7:30pm	Meeting, WCC1/2 Junior Choir rehearsal Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9:30am 10am	Prayers for our community Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
Next Sunday	8am 10am 1pm 3pm 6pm	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Praise Company on Sunday Christmas Lunch, WCC CH Choir Rehearsal Choral Advent Procession with Candles

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it's an important part of our Outreach!

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www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



Newsletter

Sunday 24th November 2019 Christ the King

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
10am • Parish Communion,
set to Chilcott's *Nidaros Jazz Mass*
12:30pm • Holy Baptism
6pm • 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:

Our 10am Holy Communion service is set to Chilcott's 'Nidaros Jazz Mass'.

If you would like to take part in delivering Churches Together Christmas Cards 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 to discuss.

Three Ugandan teachers who are part of the link between Herts & Essex High School and St Michael's School and Church and Eden High School and Nabikabala Primary school in Uganda, are currently visiting. They are joining us for our 10am service today and will be available to chat over coffee after the service. Charities Support Group regularly donates to the project at Nabikabala. Moses who leads the project writes "Your generous contributions and support towards our main hall project at Nabikabala Primary School has made the ambitious dream become a reality. Thank you so much! We wish you all the blessings from the Lord." The hall is being used but we are still raising money to finish it off and collect water from the roof.

At 12:30pm we celebrate the Baptism of Ava Johnson.

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, please join our short informal meeting over coffee in the WCC after Parish Communion today.

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

Travelling Crib - The crib makes its way around the parish in Advent: from Sunday 1st 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. 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.

Holly Ring making, 2nd-5th December – All are welcome to join us and help in the WCC at any time between 9:30am-4pm.

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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 **4th December at 8pm** at the Methodist Church. Any queries, do contact Margaret Fox (658638) or Jenny Klincke (833523).

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 6th December**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

Holly Fair, 7th 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!

Salvation Army Toy Appeal 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 14th December then it will most definitely be appreciated! Please see the note in the Publicity Area for more precise information.

Anointing and laying on of hands – At the 10am Parish Communion on **Sunday 19th January** and at the 10am Holy Communion on **Wednesday 12th February** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

Families Minister Advert LIVE – The post of Families Minister, to work with children, young people and their families at St Michael's is now being advertised. All information, including Mission Statement, Personal Profile and Job Spec, is on our website: saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx Please feel free to share this information with any individuals and organisations that you think may be appropriate and please pray for possible candidates and for those who are seeking to make this appointment.

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