



This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	10am	Set up
	1pm	Rehearsal
	7pm	Primary Schools' Carol Service
Tuesday	11am	Staff meeting, Albury
	1pm	Rehearsal
	7pm	Primary Schools' Carol Service
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	2pm	Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service
Thursday	2:15pm	Hillmead School Christingle service
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Friday	9:30am	Organ check
	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
Next Sunday	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion
	6pm	Junior Church party in the Windhill Churches Centre Choral Evensong

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www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk

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it's an important part of our Outreach!



Newsletter

Sunday 8th December 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
10am • Parish Communion
3:30pm • Carols and Candlelight Remembrance Service
with Daniel Robinson and Sons
then refreshments in Windhill Churches Centre
5pm • Bridge Youth Church, Holy Trinity
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.



Notices

Today:

Our anthem at the 10am service is 'O thou, the central orb' (Wood); the words are available from the sidespeople.

At 3:30pm we invite you to Carols and Candlelight - an informal carol service, in collaboration with Daniel Robinson & Sons. All welcome, but especially those who've experienced bereavement in the past year or so.

At 5pm at Holy Trinity, we celebrate our last Bridge Worship service of 2019 and our opportunity for youth-focused worship in the festive season! Hope to see lots of you there - wear something Christmassy!

Christmas Services – Please see the flyer in the Publicity Area for full details but note the service of Nine Lessons & Carols at 6pm on the 22nd December; Crib Service at 3:30pm and 'midnight' service at 10:30 for 11pm on Christmas Eve; and Communion services at 8am and 10am on Christmas Day.

Carols and Candlelight, 3:30pm, Sunday 8th December – An informal carol service, in collaboration with Daniel Robinson & Sons. All welcome, but especially those who've experienced bereavement in the past year or so. Free tickets from Daniel Robinsons.

Company on Sunday Christmas Lunch, Sunday 15th December – All are welcome and if you have not been before, we would be very pleased to see you. Just put your name down on the list on the table in the Publicity Area as usual. We look forward to seeing you.

An invitation from Birchwood High School, Wednesday 18th December – “We you to share in our service of carols, music, readings and prose, *Carols by Candlelight* at 7pm on 18th December. Refreshments afterwards. A retiring collection will all be donated to the work of the church.”

Mums of St Michael's Coffee Morning, WCC, Friday 20th December – Our mums group is offering a chance for parents and carers to share in fellowship and refreshments and some playtime for children in the Parish Centre after the school 'drop-off' and before the end of term service in church. All are most welcome from 9-10:45am.

Invitation for Lesson readers, 22nd December – We invite any adults or young people to volunteer if you'd like to offer to read at the Nine Lessons & Carols Service on 22nd December at 6pm. Please call or email the Office.

Are you coming to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve as a family? – We'd love some more volunteers to read at this service at 3:30pm (we'd especially love young families to help!) Please call or email the Office as soon as possible.

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Congregation Giant Christmas Card – Once again, we offer the opportunity for everyone to send Christmas greetings to friends whilst contributing to The Children's Society. Instead of sending individual good wishes, sign the card and donate your saving to the Society. Please put your donation in the box, or if you are able to Gift-Aid use one of the envelopes provided. The card and box will be in the Publicity Area from 8th December, (for security reasons on Sunday and Wednesday mornings only).

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. Any queries, do contact Margaret Fox (658638) or Jenny Klincke (833523).

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.

#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.

Bishop's Stortford Food Bank – If you would like to support our Christmas appeal you could donate some food from the list in the Publicity Area and either bring it to the Food Bank at the Methodist Church one morning when we are open or pop it into one of our boxes in the local supermarkets.

Change of email – Please note that the Vicar's email address has changed to stmichaelsbvicar@gmail.com

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