




# This Week Newsletter

## Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

<b>Monday</b>	10am	Craft Group Bring & Share, WCC CH
	11am	Rehearsal
	2pm	TBSHS Years 7 and 8 service
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:20am	TBSHS Years 9 and 10 service
	10am-3pm	Age Concern Christmas Party, WCC CH
	2:15pm	TBSHS Sixth Form service
	6pm	Choir sing carols at Frere Court
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
	8pm	Alpha 4 Home Group, 14 Marshbarns
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	12noon	Rehearsal
	7pm	Carols by Candlelight with Birchwood High School
<b>Thursday</b>	2pm	Northgate School service
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
<b>Friday</b>	9am	St Michael's Mums Coffee Morning, WCC CH
	11am	St Michael's School end of term service
	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion <i>Tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards, WCC CH</i>
	3pm	Choir rehearsal
	6pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

For the latest news and information, please visit our website:

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

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

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel

10am • Parish Communion

*Junior Church party in the Windhill Churches Centre*

1pm • Company on Sunday Christmas Lunch, WCC CH

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 10am we invite all children across to the Windhill Churches Centre for a party with Junior Church. There will be a whole host of party games and some refreshments! Come along and join us!

The anthem at our 6pm Choral Evensong service is 'Let all mortal flesh keep silence' (arr. Cleobury).

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**An invitation from Birchwood High School, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – “We you to share in our service of carols, music, readings and prose, *Carols by Candlelight* at 7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm. Please call or email the Office by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**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.

**New Year's Day service** – Please note that the 10am Holy Communion *will* take place on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Mums of St Michael's Prayer & Fellowship Group** – Being a mum can be tough. Trade your anxiety for hope, joy and peace, in a friendly, prayerful environment. We're back in the new year: every other Friday in term-time in the WCC, starting on **10<sup>th</sup> January**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

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

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

**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 are in the Publicity Area (for security reasons on Sunday and Wednesday mornings only).

**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](http://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](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.

**Sunday Rotas** – The new rota was distributed last week. If you are scheduled for prayers or to read, the applicable reading sheet(s) is in your pigeonhole. Please note the date carefully in your diary. Should you have a new email address or have not received a copy of the new rota, please contact Katharine Stanley in the Parish Office. Many thanks to all those who helped in 2019 and to our new helpers!

**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](mailto:stmichaelsbvicar@gmail.com)

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