

## This Week Newsletter

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday				
Monday	10am 1:30pm 2pm 8pm	Craft Group, WCC CH Meeting, WCC1 MU Meeting, WCC CH Outreach Meeting, WCC1		
Tuesday	7:30pm 7:30pm 7:45pm 8pm	Friends' Committee meeting, WCC1 Fabric Committee meeting, WCC2 WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH Alpha 4 Home Group, 14 Marshbarns		
Wednesday	10am 10:45am	Holy Communion Tiny Tots		
Thursday	9:45am 11am 7:45pm	Church Home Group Piano tuning WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH		
Friday	9am 6:20pm 7:30pm	St Michael's Mums' Prayer & Fellowship, WCC CH Junior Choir rehearsal Choir rehearsal		
Saturday	9:30am 10am 10am 1pm-8:30pm 4pm	Prayers for our community Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only) Winter Sale and Coffee morning, WCC CH Bellringers' AGM, WCC CH Bellringers' Evensong		
Next Sunday	8am 10am 12:30pm 6pm	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Communion Holy Baptism <i>followed by refreshments in the Charnley Hall</i> Evensong		
For th		and information, please visit our website: <a href="http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk">www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk</a>		

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



## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Second Sunday of Epiphany

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel 10am • Parish Communion 4pm • Churches Together Service for Christian Unity, St James the Great, Thorley 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.



MICHAEL'S CHURCH

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford



## Notices

**Today:** At the 10am Parish Communion service we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

All are welcome to the Churches Together United Service at St James, Thorley, at 4pm. The Choir anthem at our 6pm Choral Evensong service is 'The Spirit of the Lord', (Elgar); the words are available from the Sidespeople.

**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 meet every other Friday in term-time in the WCC, next on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

**Winter Sale and Coffee Morning, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January –** From 10am-12noon in the WCC. Donations of nearly-new items (perhaps those lovely but unwanted Christmas gifts?!), paperback books, cakes and raffle prizes would be very welcome. Start the new year meeting friends and enjoying coffee, cake and companionship. Pam J-C (504012).

**C2 (leadership) safeguarding training, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January –** At the Emmaus Centre, Thorley, from 7-10pm. For details and booking, please go to:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c2-leadership-deanery-safeguarding-sfg-30012020tickets-88811875711

**Company on Sunday Lunch, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February –** Do sign up in the Publicity Area, or email the Parish Office, if you'd like to join us for a two or three course meal. Whether you're alone or just fancy a change for lunch once a month, do bear these occasions in mind.

**Giving Sunday will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February** – *Please pick up a Giving Sunday envelope.* (If there's not a named envelope, please take an unaddressed one). We'll be focusing on Thanksgiving this year, and encouraging more direct giving to avoid the bank charges now imposed on us. Please pass on / deliver any envelopes you can. Thank you.

**Anointing and laying on of hands** – At the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March and at the 10am Holy Communion on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

**Pre-Lambeth Visit.** Archbishop Howard Gregory of the West Indies will be in our Deanery from **14**<sup>th</sup>-**22**<sup>nd</sup> **July** inclusive, ahead of the 2020 Lambeth Conference, with his wife Charmine. Plans are being made for a Deanery programme of events, and the Archbishop will also be attending various diocesan, cathedral and other events during these days. If you may be able to offer some transportation to the Archbishop and Mrs Gregory, to join a team of drivers willing to take them to/from various activities, at mutually convenient times, please contact the Parish Office for further details. Thank you for considering! Derwyn.

**Choir** – Has your child has been inspired by the singing recently? Would they like to join our Choir? We would welcome singers in Year 4 or above. For more information on the Choir see the website or contact the Parish Office.

**Foodbank appeal –** Please continue your support with basic food supplies (see the notice in the Publicity Area for items requested this winter). Please either bring your food 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. Thank you!

**Holly Rings** – If you bought a Holly Ring at the Holly Fair, please could you return just the wire ring and pine cones to be recycled to help save expenses for the next Holly Fair. Thank you. Also, if you still have one of our **Travelling Crib sheep**, would you be good enough to return it to the Parish Office (or put it in the porch post box) as soon as possible? Many thanks!

**Director of Music Vacancy** – This is live once again for enquiries and applications and entered on the Church website vacancies webpage <u>saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx</u> with amended 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. Please contact me if you'd value an informal conversation. Many thanks, Derwyn.

**Prayer and donation request –** Dr Alison Jordan will join a short-term medical mission to Bo in Sierra Leone on 1<sup>st</sup> February; volunteering with EMMA (Evangelistic Medical Missions Abroad) to reach local villages with free primary healthcare clinics and evangelistic Gospel meetings. Please support with your prayers. If you wish to donate to purchase the medicines needed please see her or go to: <u>https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/sierraleone2020?everyclick</u>. Any spare Bibles or old pairs of glasses would be gratefully received too.

If you're relatively new to St Michaels and haven't completed a data form, would you like to do so and keep in touch with our communications via email? Simply complete the appropriate form on the desk in the Publicity Area and place it in the North Porch letterbox.

Change of email – Please note that the Vicar's email address has changed to <u>stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com</u>

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