




This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	10am	Craft Group, WCC CH
Tuesday	11am 7:45pm 8pm	Staff meeting, WCC CH WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH Alpha 4 Home Group, 1 Chesfield Close
Wednesday	10am 10:45am 8pm	Holy Communion Tiny Tots Climate Group meeting, WCC1
Thursday	9:45am 7:45pm	Church Home Group, WCC CH 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 10am 10:30am	Prayers for our community Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only) Cursillo Fourth Day meeting, Lady Chapel Wardens' meeting, WCC1/2 St Joseph's First Communion session, WCC CH
Next Sunday	8am 10am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Parish Communion
Giving Sunday		No service at 6pm

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it's an important part of our Outreach!



Newsletter

Sunday 2nd February 2020 Presentation of Christ

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
10am • Parish Praise for Christingle with St Michael's School
11:15am • Sung Eucharist with the Choir
1pm • Company on Sunday lunch, WCC CH
5pm • Bridge Youth Church, Holy Trinity

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:

We welcome all those from the St Michael's School family to our 10am service.

The Choir anthem at our 11:15am Sung Eucharist is 'My eyes for beauty pine' (Howells); the words are available from the Sidespeople.

Company on Sunday Lunch is at 1pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Whether you're alone or just fancy a change for lunch once a month, do bear these occasions in mind.

Bridge Worship at Holy Trinity from 5pm, with worship starting 5:30pm, then food afterwards (pick up at 7:30pm). We'll be talking about Candlemas and the significance of Light in the Christian message.

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 this **Friday 7th February**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

Giving Sunday is next Sunday, 9th February – *If you've not yet received one, please pick up a Giving Sunday envelope.* We'll be focusing on Thanksgiving this year, and encouraging more direct giving to avoid bank charges now imposed on us. Thank you.

Stortford Hurst/Stortford Fields visitors catchup, Sunday 23rd February – Please could all those who visit, or are interested in visiting the Stortford North developments, join us for coffee in the WCC after the 10am service. We'd like to catch up with the latest requests for getting together in small teams to knock on doors not previously visited!

Lent – begins on **Ash Wednesday, 26th February**. Services at 10am and 8pm include acts of penitence and an opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes.

Lent Devotions – will be in the Lady Chapel from 12:30-1pm on **Tuesdays from 3rd to 31st March**, with the theme 'People of the Passion'. The sessions will be followed by soup lunch at 1pm in the WCC.

Café Alpha – Would you like a little taste of the Alpha Course? We're holding a session on the morning of **Saturday 28th March** in the WCC. Further details to be confirmed.

Anointing and laying on of hands – At the 10am Holy Communion on Wednesday 8th 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 **14th-22nd 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.

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Salisbury Flower Festival – We are planning a trip from **15th-17th September**: staying for 2 nights in Salisbury and visiting this spectacular event. Details are in the February magazine and in a folder in the Publicity Area together with a signing up sheet. Please speak to me if you have any queries and do sign up soon as numbers are limited and we need to confirm asap. Rosemary 758389.

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 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 with amended supporting documentation available: saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx. 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.

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 stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com

Message for the Sunday 8am congregation – Now that Thelma Scrivener has retired as Sacristan are there one or two members who are willing to take a turn working with the Assistant Wardens and set up for the 10am service, please? This is a simple task but training will be offered! Many thanks.

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