



This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	7:30am	Electrical work – Parish Office closed
	2pm	MU Committee meeting, WCC1
	6:30-10pm	Harmonaires recording session
	7:45pm	PCC meeting, WCC CH
Tuesday	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	1:45 for 2pm	Mothers' Union meeting, WCC CH
Thursday	10:30am	Paint with God day, Albury
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Friday	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
	11:45am	Charities Support Group talk from Winter Night Shelter CC CH
	6pm	Choral Evensong

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 it's an important part of our Outreach!



Newsletter

Sunday 9th February 2020 Third Sunday before Lent *Giving Sunday*

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 10am • Parish Communion
No service at 6pm
 7:30-9pm • Bridge Youth Alpha, Thirst Café

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:

Today is Giving Sunday. Please take home an envelope from the Sidespeople, if you haven't already received one, and prayerfully consider your giving. We're focusing on Thanksgiving, and encouraging more direct giving. It's expensive to handle cash because our bank now charges £1.50 per £100 cash/cheques paid in. If you're able to change your weekly/monthly contribution to a regular payment direct into our bank, there's no charge. This also allows us to make use of a regular source of income when budgeting. Please also remember that gift aiding allows us to claim back 25% from the tax you pay. Thank you very much.

The Choir anthem at our 10am service is 'Be thou my vision' (Chilcott); the words are available from the Sidespeople.

At 7:30pm, Bridge meets for Alpha Youth at Thirst Youth Café. If you've missed a week or two (or even all of them so far!) you can still get something out of it, so please see Al Evans if you'd like to join in!

Winter Night Shelter – The Charities Support Group talk this time will be about the shelter at Holy Trinity next **Sunday 16th February** after the 10am Service. It will take place in the WCC after coffee, starting at 11.45am. Our speaker will be Dave Perry and there will be a chance to ask questions about the shelter after the short talk.

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.

Calling all Soup makers for Lent! I am looking for three more people to make soup for the Lent lunches on Tuesdays in March. Please contact Pam J-C: jandpic@dsl.pipex.com or 01279 504012 if you'd like to help. Thank you.

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

Café Alpha – Would you like a little taste of Alpha? It's a course that looks at some of the 'big questions' of life. We're holding a session on the morning of **Saturday 28th March** in the WCC, from 10:30am-12:30pm. Sign up at the desk in the Publicity Area.

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.

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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.

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.

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!

Vacancies – Both our Director of Music vacancy and our Families Minister vacancy are open for enquiries. Please see the Church website vacancies webpage for documentation: 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 Publicity Area desk 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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