




This Week

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	10am	Craft Group, WCC CH
	11am	Foodbank meeting, WCC1/2
Tuesday	10:30am	Staff meeting, WCC CH
	12:30pm	Lent Meditation, Lady Chapel
	1pm	Lent Lunch, WCC CH
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
	8pm	Alpha 4 Home Group, 21 Marlborough Close
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	8pm	Climate Group meeting, WCC1
Thursday	9:45am	Church Home Group, WCC CH
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Friday	9am	St Michael's Mums' Prayer & Fellowship, WCC CH
	12noon	Meeting, WCC CH, WCC1/2
	2:30pm	Rehearsal
	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)
	10am	Assistant Wardens' meeting
	10:30am	St Joseph's First Communion session, WCC CH
Next Sunday	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion
	11:15am	Parish Brunch, WCC CH
	6pm	Evensong

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it's an important part of our Outreach!



Newsletter

Sunday 1st March 2020 First Sunday of Lent

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
10am • Parish Praise with Holy Baptism
11:15am • Sung Eucharist
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:

At our 10am service we celebrate the Baptism of Florence Hammond.

The Choir anthem at our 11:15am Sung Eucharist service is 'O Lord my God' (Wesley); the words are available from the Sidespeople.

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

Bridge Worship is at Holy Trinity from 5pm, with worship starting 5:30pm, then food afterwards (pick up at 7:30pm).

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, with donations to the charity Mary's Meals.

Lent reading – Please feel free to borrow any of the Lent books from the bookshelves at the back of the church and perhaps place a small donation in the offertory box.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer services, 6th March – 10am at Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth or 2pm at Stansted Free Church, Stansted Mountfitchet.

Parish Brunch, Sunday 8th March, 11:15am-12noon, WCC – Our second brunch, with an enlarged menu! Bacon butties, warm sausage rolls, a choice of different croissants, and fresh coffee, tea and juices! Please sign the sheet in the Publicity Area, if you're coming but don't worry if you forget as everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to chat with each other after the 10am service. What better way to end our Sunday morning at Church!

Café Alpha – Would you like a little taste of Alpha? It's a course that looks at some of the 'big questions' of life: an introduction to the basics of the Christian faith, via a series of talks and discussions. We're holding a session on the morning of **Saturday 28th March** in the WCC, from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Quiz Night for Nabikabala and Eden Schools, Saturday 28th March – Have fun and raise money for the building of the school hall in Uganda! Tickets £12 including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring own drinks! Bring or join a table of 8. It's at 7 for 7:30pm in the WCC. Contact Val: val_ashwood@hotmail.com (07845 166251).

Vocations event, Hitchin, 28th March – Are you reflecting on God's call in your life, either within your church community or to a wider ministry? For information on this free morning of talks, Q&A and discussion, see the flyers 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.

Notices



Electoral Roll – The APCM is on **Sunday 26th April** at 11:40am in the WCC. Anyone wishing to vote must be on the Church Electoral Roll (the only information published will be your name and whether you are resident in the parish or not). Please leave completed forms in the north porch post box or return to the Parish Office. Electoral Roll revision begins on 1st March. A current copy will be in the Publicity Area, along with application forms, until 29th March. We invite you to consider standing for the PCC, Churchwarden or Deanery Synod. See the churchwardens for more information. We invite you to consider standing for PCC, Churchwarden or Deanery Synod, or to be appointed as a Sidesperson.

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.

HBW 2020 '2020 Vision: Seeing and Believing', 3rd-7th August – The [HBW website](#) is now live, so adult volunteers and children do sign-up as soon as possible to guarantee your place! Do look at the display at the back of the church to get a feel for the event; and there will be an opportunity to chat to some of the helpers and watch a short video over refreshments in the WCC one Sunday soon!

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.

St Michael's School will need a new school governor from September – Experience in finance, education or HR would be particularly helpful but all applications are very welcome. If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, please speak to Maggie Jarman or Katharine Stanley.

Giving Sunday – Thanks again to all who made their responses to the Appeal held in February: to new donors joining the Giving Scheme, and to those who have increased and maintained their giving to support St Michael's. Giving Sunday envelopes remain available in church if you have not yet received one. Thank you! Derwyn.

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