



Newsletter and Notices

Though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. Colossians 2.5

Morning Prayer at 8am-8:30am
10am-10:30am Service of the Word
on **ZOOM**

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, password **834900**). Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will, I may succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Romans 1.9-11.

This comes with my prayers and blessing, Derwyn

There are some ZOOM meetings scheduled for fellowship and conversation, after the 10am worship session, since a conversation between 30+ parties is impossible! If you'd like to join one, please enter one of the codes below at 10:30am:

Derwyn 846 662 9590 p/w 834900 • June 822 740 0814 p/w 716922

Derek 927 480 8728 p/w 889123 • Rob 841 818 2500 p/w 645756

Roger 458 034 0358 p/w 435609

The Choir anthem last Easter Day was *Hallelujah from Messiah (Handel)*. [You might like to listen to a version via this link.](#)

Collect for Easter Day

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Gospel for Easter Day, Matthew 28. 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'



Children's resources –

With this week's newsletter on the website we attach a copy of 'Look'. Each week the Gospel story is explained in age appropriate language. A prayer and a variety of activities that will engage the children are included, to help each child get to know the person of Jesus.

Or perhaps try a Godly Story? This week, the story of Easter Day, with wondering questions for families to think and talk about together. Find it on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQ9hXPY9vBE>

Derwyn invites you to listen to the short recordings he has produced. They're on the [website](#) and our Facebook page: a series on the Lord's Prayer and another entitled Powerful Prayers. Today's recording is Easter Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Psalm for Easter Day, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." [R]

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;

the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds." [R]

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. [R]

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. [R]

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. [R]

Have no anxiety about anything, but with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God. Philippians 4.6

It has been heartening to learn how many people are praying in this current testing season, and how many people are so deeply appreciative of and grateful for prayer.

As another layer of the praying life of the church we have set up a simple Prayer Chain.

The idea is simple: a chain of people to whom a prayer request can be made through its coordinator.

The coordinator receives the request and prays accordingly before passing it on to a member of the chain who does likewise, until the prayer returns to the coordinator after a number of days being prayed for by a variety of people.

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: 01279 461845 Email diane.pettitt@hotmail.com

Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request will not lead to any further contact or action

Do keep praying in all the ways that connect you to Jesus. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord. Philippians 4.7



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Sunday 12th April 2020 Easter Day



Bishop's Stortford Food Bank – Excerpts from Chairman's Update for CTBS

We are working with Operation Community and Holy Trinity to enable all our food parcels to be delivered to people in need at their home address, removing the need for any face to face contact. All volunteers at the Food Bank always maintain a strict 2m space around them and strict hygiene practices are observed. We have been able to keep up so far but are starting to see shortages in some items being donated as they become increasingly scarce in the shops.

How to donate:

- Put items into boxes near check-outs when doing essential shopping:
Tesco at Lancaster Way,
Sainsburys (either Jackson Square or Thorley stores)
Waitrose

Please don't be put off donating if the box seems full – people are being so generous; sometimes it's difficult for our van to keep up, but every item is desperately needed

- Food Bank at the Methodist Church (Monday and Tuesday only, 10am-2pm)

To avoid unnecessary contact, we will leave a trolley in the doorway at the side path entrance.

Most Needed Items:

- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Long life Milk
- Tea Bags & Coffee
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat & Fish
- Biscuits
- Jam & Marmalade, Marmite & Honey
- Beans, spaghetti and soup
- Pasta and Pasta Sauces
- Long dated cereals
- Toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorants, shaving foam & razors, sanitary products etc)
- Washing up liquid
- Washing liquid or tablets (for washing machines)

To help by donating money: <https://www.justgiving.com/bishopstortfordfoodbank> or send a cheque or make a BACS payment direct to our bank. For further details please contact our Coordinator.

To help with food packing at the Food Bank: email bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com

To help with delivery of boxes in and around town: Own transport and on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Please send a copy of your driving licence, colour photo of your ID card, evidence of a DBS (paper copy or digital reference number) OR a certificate from the free online Basic Safeguarding Course run by the Church of England to Canon Mandy Brown at Holy Trinity Church at ht.nightshelter@outlook.com

Your prayers, and the practical support you give us is very much appreciated. **Bill Macdonald**

Bridge Youth Worship with Communion – 8:30am today, Easter Sunday via ZOOM. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6334089648?pwd=TnVFWmQ5Wm9uN1JsaTRmV2Ic2d5UT09>

Royal School of Church Music – invites us to join in singing Choral Evensong this Easter Sunday at 6pm. Music with links to rehearsal files are available from nathan.j.collins@ntlworld.com Connect to the RSCM YouTube channel at 6pm and let's sing!



The Man Born to be King – Some of you might remember that members of St Michael's congregation were involved in a recording of five of the Dorothy L Sayers plays during Holy Week in 2012. These recordings are now on our [website](#) and you might wish to listen to them in the forthcoming week or so.

ZOOM Worship this week – On Wednesday 15th April Derek will be hosting Holy Communion at home (Meeting ID 927 480 8728, password 889123). June will be hosting a 10am Service of the Word next Sunday 19th April (Meeting ID 822 740 0814, password 716922).

Spring Harvest Home – available via [YouTube](#) from 13th-17th April. The team have been working really hard to adapt and deliver the heart of Spring Harvest ... direct to your living room!

Anointing and laying on of hands – At Parish Communion on **Sunday 17th May** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing, **dependent on the Coronavirus situation.**

Prayers for our community – An invitation from Roger Sudbury: Would you like to join a weekly prayer session at 9:30am on Saturday? This usually takes place every Saturday in Church but for now will be via ZOOM. All welcome! (Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, p/w 435609).

April Parish Magazine – Please visit the [magazine page](#) on our website to see a selection of items already submitted to the editor before the decision was taken not to publish a printed issue this month.

The APCM has been postponed due to the Coronavirus situation – A new date has been set as 25th October. The reports may be viewed on the [website](#).

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, do contact the Parish Office.

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