

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

[Zoom](#) Worship

8am-8:30am Morning Prayer

10am-10:30am Service of the Word

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

Zoom meetings are scheduled for fellowship and conversation, after the 10am worship session.

If you'd like to join one, please enter one of the codes below at 10:30/10:45am:

June 822 740 0814 (716922) •

Derek 927 480 8728 (889123) •

Rob 841 818 2500 (645756)

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

An anthem for Trinity Sunday

Last year our Choir sang the anthem '*I am Alpha and Omega*' (*Stainer*) at our 6pm Choral Evensong service. You might like to listen to [this version](#) by Sheffield Chamber Choir at Lincoln Cathedral in 2012.



Psalm for Trinity Sunday, Psalm 8

Refrain: O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger. **[R]**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out? **[R]**

You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of their hands and put all things under their feet, **[R]**

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. **[R]**

Gospel for Trinity Sunday, Matthew 28. 16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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? They're fantastic visual versions of the scriptures. This week, the story of 'The job Jesus gives us', with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euRPrzx5Uro>

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

As another layer of the praying life of the church we have set up a simple Prayer Chain. 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: 461845 / 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.



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 7th June 2020 Trinity Sunday



Zoom Worship on Wednesdays – Derek is hosting Holy Communion at home (927 480 8728, password 889123) each Wednesday whilst we are unable to worship in Church.

Christian Police Association and National Day of Prayer for Emergency Services – You are warmly invited to a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 9th June at 8pm, hosted by Rob Klincke (841 818 2500, password 645756). PC Gary Bentley of Hertfordshire Christian Police Association will be joining and, after a short introduction and prayer, Gary will explain how the CPA and St Michael's and other churches can work together and how we can support the Day of Prayer on 25th June.

Zoom Worship involvement – It has been good to include a variety of readers, singers, musicians and prayer leaders at the various 'gatherings' recently. If you'd like to offer some involvement, please contact the Parish Office to let us know, and we will bear you in mind as we plan future meetings, for as long as we need to before corporate worship in church can resume. Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

HOW TO DONATE:

BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK

Put items into boxes near check-outs at Waitrose, Tesco at Lancaster Way or Sainsburys or when doing shopping.

Please don't be put off donating if the box seems full, every item is desperately needed.

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

We will leave a trolley in the doorway at the side path entrance.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Long Life Fruit Juice	Tinned Meat & Fish
Long life Milk	Biscuits
Tea Bags & Coffee	Jam & Marmalade, Marmite & Honey
Tinned Vegetables	Beans, spaghetti and soup
Pasta and Pasta Sauces	Long dated cereals
Washing up liquid	Washing liquid or tablets (for washing machines)
Toiletries	

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 or a certificate from the free online Church of England Basic Safeguarding Course to Canon Mandy Brown at Holy Trinity: ht.nightshelter@outlook.com

Bishop's Stortford Money Advice Centre – BSMAS is a voluntary organisation staffed by a trained team of volunteer Christian debt advisers. All advice is free. They offer non-judgmental advice and are supported by local churches. If you might benefit from speaking to them please visit their [website](#) for more information or call 01279 652523.

Electoral Roll – The APCM was postponed due to the Coronavirus situation. A new date has been set as 25th October. Most of the reports are available to view on the [website](#).

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

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.

Daily Hope free phone line – The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. *Daily Hope* offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Virtual Holiday Bible Week, '2020 Vision' – The daily Bible stories, (with links to videos and songs), fun sheets and activity packs are now available from the HBW website: <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/news/> Have fun!!

Tearfund Campaign – "The coronavirus crisis has changed the way we see the world. It's reminded us of the fragility of life and exposed deep inequalities in society. As churches and communities adapt to find new ways to be a light in the darkness, many are reimagining what life could be like." Visit the [Reboot Campaign](#) on Tearfund's website for more information.

Children's Society Collecting Boxes – Unfortunately, in present circumstances it is not possible to hold the customary box-opening coffee morning this July. In fact, The Children's Society have put house box collections on the list of activities on hold because of the pandemic. Please go to their [website](#) for information. As soon as it is possible to resume box-opening we will arrange a date for the coffee morning, and in the meantime thank all our box holders for their continued support of the work of The Children's Society.

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