



# Newsletter and Notices

# Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 First Sunday after Trinity



*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 the First Sunday after Trinity

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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.

## Psalm for the First Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 100

**Refrain: The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **[R]**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.  
For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **[R]**

## Gospel for the First Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 9. 35 – 10.8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

## An anthem for the First Sunday after Trinity

Last year our Choir sang the anthem *Panis Angelicus* ('Bread of Angels'), arr. César Franck, at our 10am service. You might like to listen to [this version](#) by King's College Cambridge.

## 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 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 Jesus' friends', with an introduction to 'Ordinary Time' and wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh70Smr8H5o>

## 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](mailto:diane.pettitt@hotmail.com)  
Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it. Do keep praying in all the ways that connect you to Jesus



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### International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

You might like to find out more by following the [Christian Police Association website](#). Here's a useful prayer toolkit on pdf: [Pray4YourPolice](#)

**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.

**A message of thanks** – to everyone who has responded with gifts to help the church's finances. If you'd like to read the Vicar's message about money, with information regarding donating to St Michael's and downloadable standing order/gift aid forms, please visit the [Notices page](#) on our website.

**Please pray** for the implementation of safe and appropriate plans to re-open the church for private prayer. You may like to see the [notes from the Open Forum](#) held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June for your prayerful consideration. If you haven't already received it, you might also like to see the Vicar's message '[A place to pray](#)' on our website.

#### 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:**

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| 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](mailto: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](mailto:ht.nightshelter@outlook.com)

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

**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.

**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).

**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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