



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 Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm for the Second Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 69:8–20

Refrain: Hide not your face from your servant, O Lord.

For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children. **[R]**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach. **[R]**

I put on sack cloth also and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me. **[R]**

But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord; at an acceptable time, O God.

Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy and with your sure salvation. **[R]**

Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not;

let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swallow me up;

let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me. **[R]**

Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good;

turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.

Hide not your face from your servant; be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.

Draw near to my soul and redeem me; deliver me because of my enemies. **[R]**

Gospel for the Second Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 10. 24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

An anthem for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Our Choir sang 'Hymn to the Trinity' (Tchaikovsky) at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen to [this version](#) from Exeter Cathedral.

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.

This week, why not try *Messy Church for Messy Times*, an online session for June 2020?

It's on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3gCAmPFwts&t=78s>

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

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 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



Newsletter and Notices



The church is open for Personal Prayer, 11am to 1pm daily.

Reflective piano music will be played for prayer time, 11-11:30am this Friday 26th June.

Derwyn's 25th Anniversary of Ordination – PLEASE STAY ON LINE at the end of our Sunday Zoom worship at 10am today when the clergy team will invite you to mark this milestone. Before COVID it was intended to do this formally at a parish gathering after the service today, but this will have to wait until October, when we hope that we might be able to enjoy a fuller celebration in the Windhill Churches Centre to ensure everyone can be part of it.

International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services, Thursday 25th June

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

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 all our visitors and stewards as we re-open the church from 11am–1pm each day for private prayer. If you haven't already received it, you might also like to see the Vicar's message ['A place to pray'](#) on our website.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK

The Food Bank would like to thank all our supporters for the generous donations of food and money that have been made in recent weeks. As a result of this support we have been able to expand our operations to meet the extra demand created by the Covid situation, changing to a food delivery model working closely with our friends at Holy Trinity Church Outreach.

To help us cope with these new administrative demands we are looking to employ a part time Administrative Assistant / Secretary, who will work closely with our Coordinator, Jocelyn Guilhaumaud. [Job advert and job specification available here.](#)

HOW TO DONATE:

Boxes near check-outs at Waitrose, Tesco at Lancaster Way or Sainsburys

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

Please may we remind people that the WCC is locked and alarmed on a routine basis and that it is not open for routine use until further notice.

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.

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.

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 helpful but all applications are welcome. If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, do contact the Parish Office.

Daily Hope free phone line – A free national phone line from the Church of England offers a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church services cannot take place because of the coronavirus. *Daily Hope* offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services 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!!

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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