



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 28th June 2020 Third 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 Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:

give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

Gospel for the Third Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 10. 40-end

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Psalm for the Third Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Refrain: Truly the Lord is our shield.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever;

you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **[R]**

For you said: "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

"Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations." **[R]**

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:

they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long and are exalted in your righteousness. **[R]**

For you are the glory of their strength, and in your favour you lift up our heads.

Truly the Lord is our shield, the Holy One of Israel is our king. **[R]**

An anthem for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Last year, our Choir sang 'Let thy merciful ears O Lord' (Mudd) at a special 11:15am Choral Matins service on this day. You might like to listen to [this version](#) from Clare College Chapel Choir, 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 'Even a glass of Water' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRz11PLhieM>

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



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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 3rd July.

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 keep the church open 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.

Zoom Worship on Wednesdays – Derek is hosting Holy Communion at home (ID 927 480 8728, p/w 889123) on Wednesday 1st July. This will continue until we are able to hold the service in church.

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)	

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 on Saturday 4th July? This usually takes place each Saturday in church but will be via Zoom until we are able to return to church (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 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!!

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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