



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 5th July 2020 Fourth Sunday after Trinity



8am Said Holy Communion, Service in Church

10am Service of the Word, Service in Church & broadcast by [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, Password **834900**).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #

c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #

d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

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.

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

To join one, please enter one of these codes about 15 minutes after the service ends:

Derek 927 480 8728 (889123) • Rob 841 818 2500 (645756)

Derwyn 846 662 9590 (834900).

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

An anthem for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, our Choir sang 'Ubi Caritas' (Durufly) at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen to [this version](#) from King's College Chapel Choir, Cambridge.

Psalm for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 145:8-15

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures. **[R]**

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power, **[R]**

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

your dominion endures throughout all ages. **[R]**

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **[R]**

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 11:16-19. 25-end

At that time Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 'I will give you rest' 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=oU8t3gaiMPE>



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

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.

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.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays – Derwyn is leading Holy Communion from Church on Wednesday 8th July but it will also be broadcast via Zoom if you'd prefer to worship from home. Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900. You can also dial in by phone as per instructions on previous page.

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 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 | 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) | |

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.

Bishop's Stortford Money Advice Centre 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 11th July? This is now resuming in Church each Saturday but will also be broadcast via Zoom for the time being. Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, Password 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 – *Daily Hope* is a free national phone line and 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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