



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 12th July 2020 Fifth 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

All are welcome: it's helpful if you can email the Parish Office by Friday afternoon to indicate intention to come to church, to help us estimate numbers.

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, 11:15am on Sunday.

To join one, please enter one of these codes:

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

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, our Choir sang 'Evening Hymn' (Balfour Gardiner) at our 6pm Choral Evensong service on this day. You might like to listen to this version from Guildford Cathedral Choir, directed by Barry Rose, from July 1974:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aNOccm8i-U

Psalm for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 65

Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;

when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. **[R]**

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. **[R]**

In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;

the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **[R]**

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for

the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. **[R]**

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with

corn that they shall laugh and sing. **[R]**

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."



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The church is open for Personal Prayer

11am-1pm Monday to Friday, 10-11am Saturday, 10:45-11:30am Sunday

Reflective piano music will be played for prayer time, 11-11:30am this Friday 17th July.

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 'The parable of the Sower' 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=KVrkGf4IBSc>

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.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on Wednesday 15th July, and the service will also be broadcast by Zoom for those unable to attend in person. 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

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:

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.

Would you like to join a Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 18th 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 – As soon as it is possible to resume box-opening we will arrange a date for a coffee morning, and in the meantime thank all our box holders for their continued support of the work of The Children's Society.

Royal School of Church Music, Virtual Choral Evensong – Your chance to join in with others in the St Albans, Hertford, Bedford area! RSCM will be collecting recording, then the live Zoom Service will be on Sunday 26th July at 6:30pm. Follow the link for more information: <http://www.rscm-stalbans.co.uk/?p=4261>

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