



## 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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. Amen.

### 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 Wheat and the Weeds' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube [here](#).

### Psalm for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 86. 11-end

***Refrain: All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord.***

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;

knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name for evermore; **[R]**

For great is your steadfast love towards me,

for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life;

they have not set you before their eyes. **[R]**

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;

give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;

because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. **[R]**

### A hymn for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, we sang 'Lead us, heavenly Father' at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen to and perhaps sing along to these two versions with lyrics, from St John's and Trinity College Choirs, Cambridge: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zqFXN1B8no](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zqFXN1B8no)

### Gospel for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"



# Newsletter and Notices

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Sixth Sunday after Trinity



### 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 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**Participation at services in church and via Zoom** – It is good to be developing a kind of 'hybrid' church in this period while some are able to gather in the building and others are worshipping at home. It's good too to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know. This can be in person in church, or, for 10am services, via Zoom, if you cannot yet be with us in the building. **We would also value more stewards for the 8am Sunday service.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

**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 Petitt: [diane.petitt@hotmail.com](mailto:diane.petitt@hotmail.com) / 461845. 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.

**Holy Communion on Wednesdays** – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Would you like to join a Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July?** We meet in Church each Saturday but also be broadcast via Zoom for the time being. Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609.

### 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)	

**Charities Support Group news** – We are pleased to report that in the last few weeks we have made donations to 16 of the 30 charities we regularly support. To prioritise our contributions, we looked carefully at each to see which were most in need of the funds at this time. Lots more information on the [website](#) (or ask the Office for a copy).

**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. **The 2019 finance documents are now available to view on the website [here](#).**

**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.

**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!!

**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 recordings, then the live Zoom Service will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm. Follow the link for more information: <http://www.rscm-stalbans.co.uk/?p=4261>

**If we are able to hold said Evening Prayer on Sunday evenings** at some future point, either in St Michael's Church, or via Zoom would you be interested? Please contact the Parish Office if so. Thank you.

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