



Newsletter and Notices



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

A Zoom meeting is scheduled with June for fellowship and conversation at 10:40am on Sunday, (after the end of the 10am service). Use ID: 822 740 0814 (716922).

Derek and Rob will offer Zoom fellowship at 11:15am:

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

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 'Three Parables of the Kingdom' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube [here](#)

Psalm for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 119. 129-136

Refrain: The opening of your word gives light

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. **[R]**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. **[R]**

Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments. **[R]**

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law. **[R]**

A hymn for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Last year, we sang 'Be thou my vision' at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen to this anthem version by John Rutter, with The Cambridge Singers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RVcIfYOFFo>

Gospel for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Royal School of Church Music, Virtual Choral Evensong – The live Zoom Service will be this **Sunday 26th July at 6:30pm**. Follow the link to the page on the RSCM website for all the information: <http://www.rscm-stalbans.co.uk/?cat=4>

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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The church is open for Personal Prayer

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

Participation at services in church and via Zoom – It is good to be developing a kind of 'hybrid' church in this period while some of us 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 Personal Prayer sessions, 10am Wednesdays and 10am Sundays.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

Have no anxiety about anything, but with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known 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: diane.pettitt@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 29th 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.

Raise money for St Michael's Charities Support Group causes whilst having some treasure hunt fun. Questions will be available from 15th August, until 30th August when entries need to be completed. More details to follow soon.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK

"Following the article in last week's Bishop's Stortford Independent which unfortunately gave the impression that the Food Bank was in crisis we have been contacted by many of our friends offering us financial donations. In fact, the Food Bank has never been in better shape - your fabulous support over the last few months has meant we have the food, funds and volunteers to face the future with bags of confidence." Please see the notices page of our church website for an update: ['Things are looking up at the 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.

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.

Would you like to join a Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 2nd August? We meet in Church each Saturday but 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!](#)

A very different Bike 'n Hike, Saturday 12th September – This is the most important fundraiser for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust and they'd love at least one person from each parish to be sponsored to walk/cycle round as many churches as they can on this day. Special protocols will be put in place this year and some churches may not be open, no register, perhaps no welcomers, and bring your own refreshments. More details in due course but contact the Parish Office if you're interested in taking part.

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