



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 9th August 2020 Ninth 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!

2. Join with Zoom on your computer

When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.

Remember to join Derek's Zoom today: Meeting ID **927 480 8728**, Password **889123**).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196**

b) Enter **Derek's Meeting ID: 927 480 8728** followed by #

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

d) Enter **Derek's Meeting Password: 889123** 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). Meeting ID - 822 740 0814 (716922).

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 'Walking on Water' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube [here](#).

Psalm for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 85. 8-13

Refrain: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **[R]**

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. **[R]**
The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. **[R]**

A hymn for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, we sang 'Alleluia, sing to Jesus' at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen and perhaps sing along to this version, arranged and conducted by Stephen Cleobury, by the choir of King's College Cambridge:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTrCIYH1Yw4>

Gospel for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 14. 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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: 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.



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The church is open for Personal Prayer

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

Face coverings – Wearing of face coverings in church is now mandatory (except in the case of recognised exemptions).

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.

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.

Derek will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on Wednesday 12th August – The service will also be broadcast by Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Alternatively, you can also dial in by phone as per instructions on previous page:

Meeting ID 927 480 8728, Password 889123.

Would you like to join a Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 15th August? We meet in Church each Saturday but also be broadcast via Zoom for the time being. Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609.

COVID-19 MEGA RED BUCKET APPEAL FROM THE CHARITIES SUPPORT GROUP

We are launching a Mega Red Bucket Appeal in response to emergency requests from charities and an awareness of the huge global needs caused by the pandemic.

We will split the money between larger and smaller charities. Half will go to major Christian charities, namely Christian Aid, Tearfund and World Vision. Half will go to selected smaller charities particularly need of funding due to the pandemic.

The Red Bucket is partly a virtual one using electronic donations, or contributions can be made by cash or cheque in church on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Full details for donating by BACS, text or cheque are on [the website](#). The appeal will run through August and September.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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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](#).**

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, 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!!

Raise money for St Michael's Charities Support Group causes whilst having some treasure hunt fun – The group has put together a walking treasure hunt through the town as part of their red bucket appeal for the Covid-19 Pandemic. Questions will be available on the [Treasure Hunt](#) page on our website from NEXT SATURDAY 15th August, until 31st August when entries need to be completed. A donation to the appeal (details of how to do this on the question sheet) would be greatly appreciated. Answers/winners published in September.

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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