



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 16th August 2020 Tenth 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' (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). Meeting ID - 822 740 0814 (716922).

Derek will offer Zoom fellowship at **11:15am**: Meeting ID - 927 480 8728 (889123).

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 'Jesus and the Greek woman' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube [here](#).

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.

Psalm for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **[R]**
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **[R]**

A hymn for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, we sang 'Father, Lord of all creation' at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen and perhaps sing along to [this version](#).

Gospel for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 15. 10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Tribute to Kenneth Westwood – Ken's ashes will be interred in the Bayford family grave in the Town cemetery this week. He will be reunited with Olive on what would have been their 75th wedding anniversary. You might like to read a tribute to him, written by his family, on the [Bells page](#) of our Website.

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



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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.

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 in church on Wednesday 19th August – Derwyn will be presiding 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.

Would you like to join a Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 22nd August? We meet in Church each Saturday but also be broadcast via Zoom for the time being. Meeting ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609.

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!!

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

We have launched 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 in 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.**

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 are available on the [Treasure Hunt page](#) of our website 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 and winners will be published in September.

Working Party, Saturday 29th August – Meet at the church at 10am and help spruce up the church and churchyard. We'll be working outside until 11am, then inside afterwards, but any time you can spare will be most welcome. We hope we might be able to serve refreshments.

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.

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).

Honora Denny, Lady Denny's lost daughter – You might be interested to read this article by Helen Gibson on the [History page](#) of our website. Helen has spent some time recently continuing her investigation of the missing daughter of Lady Margaret Denny, Maid of Honour to Elizabeth I, who is buried in the chancel at St Michael's.

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.

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