



# Newsletter and Notices

# Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 Eleventh 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! Remember to bring your order of service.

**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 Derek for fellowship and conversation at 11am on Sunday. To join, please enter Meeting ID 927 480 8728 (889123).

**Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 '**Who do you say that I am?**' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube [here](#).

**Psalm for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 138**

**Refrain: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **[R]**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth. **[R]**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;

as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **[R]**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands. **[R]**

**An anthem for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Last year, our Choir sang 'Ave Verum Corpus' (Mozart) at our 11:15am Choral Sung Eucharist service on this day. You might like to listen to this version from King's College, Cambridge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXjn6srhAIY>

**Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 16. 13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**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.

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



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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, for 10am on Wednesdays and for 10am on Sundays.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

**Would anybody like to host a Zoom fellowship meeting after services?** We would like to continue to offer this important fellowship for some time to come. Please email the Parish Office if you'd be happy to host.

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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> August, 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.

## 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.**

**Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August** – We meet in Church but also broadcast via Zoom (ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609).

**Working Party, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 **31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**A very different Bike 'n Hike, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact the Parish Office if you're interested in taking part.

**St Michael's School needs 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.

**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).

**Virtual Holiday Bible Week, '2020 Vision'** – The daily Bible stories, (with links to videos and songs), fun sheets and activity packs are available from the HBW website: <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/news/> Have fun!!

**Tearfund Reboot** – Please see the [Tearfund website](#) for more information on this campaign, including some interesting blogs and videos. Tearfund is one of the charities supported by our church through the Charities Support Group.

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