



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 30th August 2020 Twelfth 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'.

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 Rob for fellowship and conversation at **11:15am** on Sunday. To join, please enter Meeting ID 841 818 2500 (645756).

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

A hymn for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, we sang 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen and perhaps sing along to this version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlNoxoOocZs>

Psalm for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 26. 1-8

Refrain: Lord, I love the place where your glory abides

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. **[R]**

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked in your truth.

I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with the deceitful. **[R]**

I hate the gathering of evildoers and I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about your altar, **[R]**

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides. **[R]**

Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 16. 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 'Take up your cross' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. It's on YouTube [here](#).

Wedding prayers

Please keep Rhys Stockbridge and Rachael Darrer in your prayers and ask God's blessing on them as they prepare for their wedding at St Michael's next weekend.



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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 **as soon as possible** 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 / 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.

St Michael's School needs a new school governor – 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.

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.**

Flower Festival at St James the Great Thorley, this bank holiday weekend – Flowers, crafts and much more, with live music from 2pm Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

MONDAY 31st is your last chance to complete the walking treasure hunt through the town! Raise money for St Michael's Charities Support Group causes whilst having some treasure hunt fun! Question sheet available on our [website](#). 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 next week!

Holy Communion on Wednesday 2nd September – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church, 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.

Prayers for our Community session: 9:30am, Saturday 5th September – We meet in Church but also broadcast via Zoom (ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609).

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. Do please 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).

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.

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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