



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 6th September 2020 Thirteenth 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, or soon after, on Sunday. To join, please enter Meeting ID 927 480 8728 (889123).

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

An anthem for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Last year, our Choir sang 'All we like Sheep have gone astray' from Handel's Messiah at our 6pm Choral Evensong service on this day. You might like to listen to this version from the King's College Choir, Cambridge: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2XxiJE_O-c

Psalm for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 119. 33-40

Refrain: My delight shall be in your commandments.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;

I shall keep it with my whole heart. **[R]**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your testimonies and not to unjust gain.

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; O give me life in your ways. **[R]**

Confirm to your servant your promise, which stands for all who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness give me life. **[R]**

Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 18. 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Children's resources for families to share together –

First, share in this week's Godly Story (a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language). It's the story 'How to live together' from the Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#).

Next, with the start of a new school year we are trying a new resource, this time from ROOTS. The [printable sheet on our website](#) offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. Why not try it once you've watched the Godly Story?

Parish Register for August

We remember in our prayers the families of Margaret Barker and April Robertson whose funerals have taken place this last month.

We also remember Kenneth Westwood whose ashes were interred in Bishop's Stortford Cemetery.



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The church is open for Personal Prayer

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

On Sunday 6th September we introduce and pray for the family of Florence Fletcher who is soon to be baptised.

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.

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.

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.**

Holy Communion on Wednesdays – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on **Wednesday 9th September**, 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 12th September – We meet in Church but also broadcast via Zoom (ID: 458 034 0358, Password 435609).

A very different Bike 'n Hike, next 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 sadly no refreshments. Please contact the Parish Office for a sponsorship pack.

Singing at services – Although congregational singing seems to be some way off, we are looking to relaunch some corporate singing in our services, as guidelines now allow. We hope to do this on **Sunday 13th September**, with a small group of socially distanced singers in the chancel and sanctuary. Choir members are asked to respond to Robert Stokely's appeal to indicate availability. Numbers will be limited by the need to maintain distance, so please can those who offer availability commit to attending, lest another singer is deprived of a place. Any other singers in the congregation who may like to join in with this opportunity to sing from time to time are asked to contact the Parish Office. We hope the experiment will be successful and lead to further opportunities. Thank you. Derwyn.

Private prayer – We anticipate remedial work to the plaster in the Chancel and Sanctuary of the church **from Monday 14th September onwards.** Please be aware that this may conflict with the peace of private prayer!

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).

St Michael's School needs a new school governor – Experience in finance, education or HR would be helpful but all applications are very welcome. If you're interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, contact the Parish Office.

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