



# Newsletter and Notices

**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*

**Psalm for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 105. 37-end**

**Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

He brought Israel out with silver and gold;  
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.  
Egypt was glad at their departing, for a dread of them had fallen upon them [R]  
He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to light up the night.  
They asked and he brought them quails;  
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven. [R]  
He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out  
and ran in the dry places like a river.  
For he remembered his holy word and Abraham, his servant.  
So he brought forth his people with joy, his chosen ones with singing. [R]  
He gave them the lands of the nations  
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,  
That they might keep his statutes and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia. [R]

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

In 2018, our Choir sang J.S. Bach's 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring' at our 10am service on this day. You might like to listen to [this version](#) from Bishop's Stortford College.

# Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



**Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

**Gospel for this Sunday, John 6. 51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**Children's resources for families to share together –**

First, 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. This week's is based on the New Testament reading from Philippians 1. 21-30.

Next, share in this week's Godly Story (a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language). It's 'The story of the workers' from Matthew's Gospel for today (Matthew 20. 1-16) with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#). Why not try it once you've had a go at the activities on the ROOTS printout?

**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.

**Private prayer –** We anticipate remedial work to the plaster in the Chancel concluding **this week**. Please be aware that this may conflict with the peace of private prayer!



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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, 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 and haven't been able to for the last couple of weeks. Please email the Parish Office as soon as possible if you'd be happy to host.

**Singing at services** – It was lovely to enjoy singing from our Choir at our service last Sunday. Any other singers in the congregation who may like to join in with future opportunities to sing from time to time are asked to contact the Parish Office.

**Milk Bottle Tops** – "With regret, we are unable to continue collecting milk bottle tops. Jenny and I would like thank you for supporting this worthy cause over the past years. Please place your bottle tops in your recycling bin going forward." Jenny & Rob.

**The Food Bank are looking to appoint a new Coordinator** to lead their team of volunteers as they plan to meet the challenge of helping those in crisis during this difficult time. The job description and application form (to be completed online) can be found on their website at <https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com/>

### 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.

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 until 27<sup>th</sup> September.

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

**Activities in Church.** If you need to carry out any activities in Church, please co-ordinate this with the Parish Office and make arrangements with a keyholder (such as a Warden) to access the Church at a suitable time. Please arrange any such activities to take place outside the times when the Church is open for private prayer.

**The Children's Society consider it appropriate for the emptying of house collecting boxes to start again.** Since a box-opening coffee morning is still not feasible, we'll collect boxes at 10am Sunday Services, using suitable Covid precautions. **For the next couple of Sundays** we will bring a container in which to place your box, and will contact you after counting. If you're unable to come to Church, please phone 659476 and we can make alternative arrangements. Many thanks to our box-holders for all their help, Pat and Alan Matthews.

**Holy Communion on Wednesdays** – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 9:30am, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – We meet in Church each Saturday for a half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Daniel Robinson Macmillan Cancer Support, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Come and buy and coffee/cake/raffle ticket between 10am-1pm, outside Daniel Robinson & Sons on South Street. Grab your refreshments (for a donation of your choice) then take them away to enjoy!

**Royal School of Church Music Area Choirs Festival, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – It's a virtual choir this year, with music recorded in advance. Links for recording available soon and the deadline for sending recordings will be Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Bishop of St Albans will preach and the Dean of St Albans will host the service in the Cathedral via Zoom. See the [RSCM St Albans website](#) for more information.

**St Michael's School needs a new school governor** – At present all meetings take place virtually and the usual programme of governor visits to school has been paused but governors still have an important role to play in these challenging times for children's education. If you are interested in supporting our local church school and would like to find out more about this voluntary role, please contact the Parish Office.

**Knitting for refugees and others in need** – Does anyone know of local or UK needs for garments (baby to age 7)? We are unable to send anything abroad at the moment so my pile of knitted garments is rather high! Also, due to a double order of wool, if anyone wishes to help me in knitting a bit I can offer you some lovely 100g balls of wool and I have some easy patterns too. Many thanks, Rosemary (758389).

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