



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service for Christingle, in Church & via [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**, Passcode **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 Passcode: **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-call or communicate with one another.

A Psalm for The Second Sunday before Lent, Psalm 104

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,

and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. [R]

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled;

when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. [R]

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;

He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. [R]

So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia. [R]

Creator God,

send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,

that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving,

may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory;

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel for The Second Sunday before Lent, John 1. 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

An anthem for today

Last year on this occasion our Choir sang '*The heavens are telling*' (Haydn), at our 6pm Choral Evensong service. You might like to listen to [this version](#), by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

Family Activities

● **We hope that families young and old will join us as we celebrate Christingle at our 10am worship this Sunday.** If you can't get to church and have had enough of screen time, **the Vicar has also prepared a resource to prayerfully make a Christingle at home**, for any families who want to do this. It's available on the [Children and Young People's page](#) of our website.

● There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on a reading from Mark.

● You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story, 'John's Wondering', from today's Gospel. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's on YouTube [here](#).

Do have a look and explore the links on our [Children and Young People](#) page: there are lots of fun things including **more Christingle craft activity templates, games, quizzes and videos.**



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 7th February 2021 Second Sunday before Lent



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@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.

Pause and Pray – The Archbishops have invited us to share in prayer for the nation, with this [video](#). There is a different theme daily: resources are [here](#).

Keeping in touch – With so much disruption to church worship and activities over the past 11 months now, it has been hard to keep as connected as a community as we would like. We've tried, through general email and website messages, hard-copy delivery to those not online, plus phone calls, personal emails, letters and even Zoom-chats, to offer ways of staying in touch. Thanks to all the very many people who have played a part in that, and for all the informal reaching-out that has been going on so that we can support one another. Above all let's keep one another in our regular prayers. But if you feel you have 'slipped the net' and missed having contact with anyone from church for a while, do let the Parish Office know by phone, letter or email. A member of the ministry team will be happy to be in touch, to talk and listen, as we try to stay connected and help one another, while pandemic and lock down persist. Thank you.

Singing in Services – Due to recent changes in government guidance, we sadly cannot invite a scratch choir to sing together anymore. Would anyone be willing to offer ministry either as a lone Cantor, and/or, conceivably, as a member of a small, household/bubbled singing group? Would anyone like to sing on a Wednesday, too? Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Portland Child Contact Centre – One of the charities that's associated to Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford is looking for new trustees and Saturday volunteers. See the advert on our website [Notices Page](#) for more information.

Please pray for Canon Mandy Brown, our Area Dean – as she prepares for retirement later this year, with thanksgiving for her ministry here, and for her flourishing with her family in the future.

Do you have a laptop you might wish to donate to disadvantaged schoolchildren? Here's a link to a local company: www.ITVET.co.uk/donate The link takes you to a form to fill in your details, and explains what to do with them. There's more information in a November article from the Stortford Independent [here](#).

The church is open for personal prayer from 11am to 1pm every day.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Prayers for our Community via Zoom, 9:30am, Saturday 6th February – A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358, Passcode 435609). All welcome.

DIY Christingle, Sunday 7th February at 10am – We will make Christingles (in church or at home) during our 10am worship (in person and on Zoom) this Sunday. There is no need to make a special trip to the shops: all that is needed is a large round fruit, some small sweets or dried fruit and red ribbon/paper/cloth. However, you might not have cocktail sticks or small candles so we have carefully prepared individual sets of those, laid out on a table in Church, to collect if you come in to **worship or for private prayer**. (See other page for suggestions for families too!)

Bridge Youth Worship, Sunday 7th February, 5:30pm – If you'd like to join in via Zoom, please contact Al Evans at - bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com

Holy Communion, Wednesday 10th February, 10am – In church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 17th February – There will be a service of Holy Communion, including the Lent Liturgy, at 10am in church and via Zoom. The liturgy is available on the [Lent page](#) of our website. The Vicar has also prepared a private prayer leaflet which enables individual act of penitence, at home or in church, either on Ash Wednesday or throughout Lent. Alternatively, you might like to use it online as a small group. The leaflet and a psalm are also on the Lent page. Finally, we are excited to be sharing an online course during Lent, a new offering from the popular 'The Bible Course': helping us to explore how key events, books and characters fit together and are part of one big story. More details next week!

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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