



Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, 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 of Lent, Psalm 22. 23-end

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. **[R]**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,

or those who go down to the dust kneel before him

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;

this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,

declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Restless with grief and fear, the abandoned turn to you:

in every hour of trial, good Lord, deliver us,

O God most holy, God most strong, whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.

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Collect for The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel for The Second Sunday of Lent, Mark 8. 31-end

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

An anthem for today

On this day last year, the Choir sang *'is God so loved the world'* (Stainer). You might like to listen to [this version](#) sung by the choir of St John's College, Cambridge.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
 that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
 but that the world through him might be saved.

Lent for Young People – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet, do explore the links on our [Children and Young People](#) page: each week in Lent there will be fresh and inspiring resources including prayers, games, quizzes and videos. **This week there's a wonderful artwork from one of our young people, Mimi Broughton, which you might like to use as a family for meditative discussion or prayer.** Also -

- 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 the Gospel reading from Mark.
- You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story, 'Take up your cross', 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](#).



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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 – 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 Office.

Ministry with Children, Youth and Families at St Michael's – Following discussion at a recent PCC, there will be opportunity for all who wish to share in a conversation about ministry with young people, and its challenges and opportunities. This will be at **7:45pm this Tuesday 2nd March** (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900). All welcome; you may like to let the Parish Office know you plan to attend, to help indicate numbers. We hope to have a general discussion, but also consider re-activating plans for a Families Minister appointment, which has been on hold during the pandemic. Please hold all this in your prayers. Thank you, Derwyn.

The Charities Support Group is having a Lent Red Bucket Appeal – We will split the money between Mary's Meals, who we always support through our Lent Lunches, and The Church Army. To find out more about the charities and how to donate, please see the [CSG page](#) on our website. A Red Bucket will also be in church at our services.

Community Money Advice Connect Bishop's Stortford provides free, confidential help with for those people struggling paying bills. Trained volunteers from the churches within Bishop's Stortford can help with budgeting, personal debts, support in writing letters to creditors and find the best solution to the situation. See [their link on our website](#) for more information.

Recipes from Home with the Freedom from Torture Charity – Due to the success of the last series you can now sign up for Zoom cooking classes with torture survivors Parveneh, Srwa and BJ and learn the secrets of Iranian, Kurdish and Nigerian cuisine from the comfort of your own kitchen! See our [website](#) to sign up.

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**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.

Piano music is played on Tuesdays 11-11:30am and on Fridays 12-12.30pm.

'Roadmap' letter – If you've not seen a copy of Derwyn's most recent letter, it's available on the website [here](#).

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.

Prayers for our Community via Zoom, Saturday 27th February 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358, Passcode 435609). All welcome.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 3rd March, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

Lent resources –

- *Hope in the Wilderness*, a Lent message from the Vicar, is on our [Lent page](#).
- The Vicar has prepared a private prayer leaflet which enables individual act of penitence, at home or in church, throughout Lent. Alternatively, you might like to use it online as a small group. The leaflet and a psalm are on the [Lent page](#).
- We also offer the opportunity to share in a ten minute Zoom prayer from church, at 12noon on Tuesdays until 30th March (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900). The order, 'Prayer During the Day', is on the [Lent page](#).

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).

If you'd like to enquire about the Zoom links for the funeral of our friend Doreen Williams, please contact the Parish Office on either Friday or Monday morning.

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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