

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 today, 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]**



Collect for The Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel for The Day of Pentecost, John 15. 26 - 16. 15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 'I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

An anthem for today, *Come down, O Love divine*

We are delighted that the anthem at our 10am service this Sunday will be sung by a small choir of six.

Text: Bianco da Siena (1350-1399); translated: Richard Frederick Littledale; tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams (Down Ampney):

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*



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The church will be open each day from personal prayer from early morning to late afternoon every day. Appropriate Covid precautions are still in place.

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

Piano music is played on Fridays from 12-12.30pm (not 28th May).

Prayers for our Community in Church and via Zoom, Saturday 22nd May 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358 / Code 435609). All welcome.

APCM, 23rd May after 10am service – Our APCM is in church this Sunday after the Service of the Word, as soon as is practicable (probably around 11:15am). It will be broadcast via Zoom too. The APCM documentation is published on the website from the [PCC page](#).

Holy Communion, Wednesday 26th May, 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).

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 26th May, 11 for 11:15am – Following the success of our recent launch we're delighted to be meeting each week once again - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Social distancing measures and Covid precautions will be in place and we are delighted to be able to offer refreshments before and after the service.

Services for Trinity Sunday, Sunday 30th May – All are warmly invited to come and share Holy Communion with us at both our 8am service **and our 10am service**. The 10am service will also be broadcast via Zoom.

CTBS Week of Prayer Service for The Persecuted Church, Monday 7th June, 7pm – One of a number of prayer events on different themes offered by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford this week, St Michael's will be holding a service of prayer for The Persecuted Church: *'One Family Standing Together'*. The Daily Prayer service will include relevant bible readings and personal stories, plus an extended time of led and extempore prayer focusing in turn on some specific countries where Christians are currently being persecuted.

Holiday Bible Week 2021 'Eyewitness', 2nd-6th August – The committee continues to meet online to pray and plan for HBW 2021. We are sad that we cannot hold HBW in person this year for all the safety of all involved. **HOWEVER** - we are feeling **very hopeful** as we plan for an online virtual HBW with entertaining games, crafts, songs and teaching for children of our town! Keep your eyes peeled for the registration forms!

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).

Our Children & Young People – Whilst it's not practical for our families to meet on Sunday, do explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page.

- There's a **printable sheet** which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.
- You might like to share in this week's **Godly Story**, 'The Story of Pentecost'. It's a fantastic visual version of the scriptures, with wondering questions for families to share together. The video's [here](#).
- **Tiny Tots** is back, in a new and exciting way and **Bridge Youth** hopes to meet in person in June.

Notes from Open Forum to discuss music and worship – The notes from the recent forum are available [on our website's Music Page](#). We hope a subsequent step soon will be face-to-face discussion, but it was good to start talking. One outcome we're hoping for is the recommencement (and re-imagining) of the Director of Music appointment process.

CSG Red Bucket Appeal for St Vincent volcano eruption – The Diocese of the Windward Islands (where St Vincent is situated) has been our companion diocese for over 20 years. Bishop Alan has sent a request to churches for prayers and donations, "There are many needs associated with the impact of the eruption on the island including the displacement 20,000 people. Many of these are in emergency shelters, some of which are provided by the Diocese. There will be substantial needs for rebuilding and renewal in the months and years to come". **The red bucket will be in church this Sunday, 23rd May.** For donation by bank transfer rather than cash/cheque (to St Michael's PCC Missions) [click here](#).

Bellringing – We are delighted that bellringing is permitted to resume, obviously with continued precautions. Bells will be rung for our 10am Sunday services and ringing practice returns on Thursday evenings, albeit with shorter hours for now.

Come join our St. Michael's School Family – We currently still have spaces in both our Reception and Nursery for the academic year 2021-22. We are now offering all day provision in Nursery. Take a look at our [school website](#) and follow the link for the virtual tour to find out more about our thriving school and our 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2019) EYFS.

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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