



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 30th May 2021 Trinity Sunday



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Holy Communion with Music, 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.

Old and New Testament readings for today:

Isaiah 6. 1-8

Romans 8. 12-17

A Psalm for today, Psalm 29

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **[R]**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. **[R]**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **[R]**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;

in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' **[R]**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **[R]**

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Trinity Sunday, John 3. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

An anthem for today, *Blessed Angel Spirits (Hymn to the Trinity) - Tchaikovsky*

You might like to listen to [this](#) by Chet Valley Churches. Translation of Russian hymn by WG Rothery, text from Isaiah 6.1-3: Isaiah's vision of the angels around God's throne.

Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying, ever crying Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Saints and Martyrs praise thy Name, Trinity lifegiving,

earthborne sorrow leaving before thy throne, evercrying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Father omnipotent, mighty in glory, Christ, thy Son, our Saviour who died that we might live,

Holy Spirit, mystic dove, dwelling with us ever more, we praise Thee, Blessed Trinity.

With the Angels' sacred hymn, all thy might proclaiming,

with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise we join,

Holy, Holy, Holy, join we all in songs of praise for ever;

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.



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The church is open each day for prayer, from early morning to late afternoon.

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 29th May 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer (ID 458 034 0358 / Code 435609). All welcome.

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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 2nd June, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Derek's Zoom**. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 927 480 8728, Passcode 889123).

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 and an extended time of led and extempore prayer focusing in turn on some specific countries where Christians are currently being persecuted.

Launch Event 'Prayer Breakfast' for this year's Harvest Appeal, Wednesday 9th June at 8am – We invite you to share in the Launch Event 'Prayer Breakfast' for this year's Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal, 'Water is Life' - more details are on our [website](#) and you can register on Eventbrite [here](#).

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 9th June, 11 for 11:15am – Following the success of our recent launch we're delighted to be meeting each week in term time 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. **Please note there will be no meeting on Wednesday 2nd June.**

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).

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.

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 job Jesus gives us'. 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** meets via Zoom in June.

Recruitment of a Families Minister – The PCC recently agreed to advertise the Families Minister post again this summer and we hope to be interviewing candidates towards the end of September. A key part of the role will be to help us re-establish our activities for children and young people at the church as we 'recover' from COVID, as well as reimagine and deliver our events at St Michael's. This is a very exciting time as we start to rebuild and renew our work with children, young people and their families!

Notes from Open Forum to discuss music and worship – The notes from the recent forum are available [on our website's Music Page](#). A Working Group from the PCC is meeting on 16th June to take our talks further.

Thank you so much – to all who supported Christian Aid Week by delivering envelopes, by making a donation and by your prayers. Our Red Bucket collection raised £176.

Come join our St. Michaels' School Family – We currently still have spaces in both Reception and Nursery for the academic year 2021-22. We are now offering all day provision in Nursery. Do 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.

Recycling – Last year St Michael's School inspired us to collect crisp packets. The school council team collected, sorted and took them (along with other items) to the night shelter collecting point so the shelter benefits from the money and the school benefits by knowing they are doing a tiny bit to keep the planet clean. If you bring your crisp packets (and toothpaste tubes or broken pens) to church, we'll will take them directly to the shelter.

Message from the Chair of Trustees for The Leprosy Mission – "We are seeking to appoint three new Trustees to join us, bringing expertise in either Fundraising, Digital Marketing and Innovation, Mental Health, Global Research or Social Entrepreneurship. [More details about the positions can be found here.](#)"

Stort Valley Schools Trust – Click [here to visit our media page](#) on our website and play the **Spring 2021** video update from SVST.

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