

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

12:30pm Holy Baptism

We're delighted to offer refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

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'. 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.

Collect for The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 85. 8-end

Refrain: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **[R]**

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. **[R]**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. **[R]**

Most holy God, when we come to you fearing that truth condemns us, show us that truth is one with love in your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

An anthem for today, 'King of Glory, King of Peace'

Last week, our Six Voice Choir sang an anthem with music by J.S. Bach, arranged by Harris. It was set to words by George Herbert and published just before his death in 1633. You might like to listen/sing along to [this version](#), a hymn, sung by Chet Valley Churches. The tune is *Gwalchmai*.

Gospel for The Sixth Sunday after Trinity, Mark 6. 14-29

King Herod heard of all that Jesus was doing, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



We're delighted to introduce a short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service! We invite them, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during the sermon and prayers, and share in a short Godly Play (a visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions to share together). We hope to be able to offer this most weeks.

- You might also like to 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.
- **Tiny Tots** is back, in a new and exciting way (see other page).



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 11th July 2021 Sixth Sunday after Trinity



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

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 10th July 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Funeral of Patricia Rocknean, Tuesday 13th July, 1:30pm – Pat's sons extend a welcome to her friends to attend in person. If you're unable to do so, you might like to join the church service via Zoom. Please contact the Parish Office for the link.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 14th July, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 14th July, 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.

Parish Office contact and availability – As well as working from home each day from 9am-1pm, Katharine is available in the office on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to midday.**

Holiday Bible Week 2021 'Eyewitness', 2nd-6th August – HBW will have a new format this year! The morning sessions (approx 10-11:30am) will be online on YouTube and Facebook, with all the things we all love about HBW: a mixture of live teaching, songs, puppets and games. In the afternoon there will be live sessions run at the Baptist Church from 1:30-4pm.

- Each day will be age specific; sign up [here](#) by Friday 2nd July 2021. **Maximum of 20 children per age group, so sign up as soon as possible.**
- If you don't receive an afternoon place, watch the morning sessions online and collect a free craft pack from the Baptist Church or St James, Thorley on Sunday 1st August.
- Hotline will be at these centres too so your children will be able to have a chat and pray with them if they wish.
- We hope to have these centres available for dropping off children's work through the week, so that Emily and Eddie can have a look - a bit like our usual post box on site!

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).

ChurchInsight is now Hubb.Church – In case you notice a change to the branding when you login to our Church Management System; the company name has changed, that's all!

St Michael's School has forthcoming Governor vacancies – We invite anyone who may be interested in service as a Foundation Governor (representing St Michael's Church) to come forward. No experience necessary and full training/support will be given for this most rewarding role. For more information speak to the Vicar or Katharine Stanley.

Recruitment of a Families Minister – 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, young people and their families at the church as we 'recover' from COVID, as well as reimagine and deliver our events at St Michael's. We recently sent out an email regarding opportunities to offer financial support for the role; the email is available [here](#) if you've not seen it.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2021 – “Dame Angela Leadsom MP led the event whose theme was 'Life beyond Covid - a Renewed Hope'. The speaker was The Rev'd Dr N.T. Wright, past Bishop of Durham, well known for his many books interpreting the Bible. You can watch the whole event [here on YouTube](#) which lasts about 50 minutes, but if you want to hear Tom Wright, fast forward about 25 minutes for his 10-minute talk which for me was challenging, encouraging and hopeful. I commend it to you.” Derek.

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 met again on 7th July to take our talks further.

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. If you bring your crisp packets (and toothpaste tubes or broken pens) to church, we'll take them directly to the shelter. Jenny Klincke is also collecting used and unused stamps and postcards, plus coins and medals, for **The Leprosy Mission**, who can use these to raise vital funds for their work. Please let Jenny know if you have large amounts of any of these latter four items and she will collect them directly.

Secretary for Bishop's Stortford Christian Aid Group – This role involves 2/3 committee meetings a year and some fundraising activities. It's not a big commitment but a very worthy cause. Please contact Christine Solway or Carole Macdonald for more information.

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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