



Newsletter and Notices

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 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 23 *Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **[R]**

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **[R]**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **[R]**

O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. Amen.



Sunday 18th July 2021 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

An anthem for today, 'The Lord is my Shepherd'

You might like to listen to [this version](#) of The Lord is my Shepherd, by John Rutter, sung by The Cambridge Singers, with the City of London Sinfonia.

Gospel for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Mark 6. 30-34, 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

We're delighted to introduce a short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK! 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).



• 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** continues on Wednesdays, in a new and exciting way (see other page).



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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

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 17th July 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 21st 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 21st July, 11 for 11:15am – Following the success of our recent launch we're delighted to be meeting once again - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. We are delighted to be able to offer refreshments before and after the service. Please note Tiny Tots **will** take place on July 21 and 28, and August 25 and September 1.

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.

- If you didn'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!

Sunday Services for August – Please note that there will be no 8am service of Holy Communion on 8th, 15th or 22nd August. The 10am service on 22nd August will be a Service of Holy Communion with Music.

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!

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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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 goes live next week! – 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. **More detailed information about the role will be on the website [here](#) next week.**

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 recently 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.

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