



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 25th July 2021 St James the Great



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Holy Communion with Music, in Church & via [Zoom](#)

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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 126

Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **[R]**

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. **[R]**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy,

bearing their sheaves with them. **[R]**

Lord, as you send rain and flowers

even to the wilderness,

renew us by your Holy Spirit,

help us to sow good seed in time of adversity

and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A song for today, 'If you believe and I believe' (arr. Bell)

Last week we shared this Zimbabwean traditional song as our final hymn at the 10am service. You might like to listen and sing along to [this version](#) sung by The Cathedral Singers, with John L. Bell as Guest Conductor:

*If you believe and I believe and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
the Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.*

Gospel for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity, John 6. 1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.



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

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

Piano music will be played on Fridays 23rd & 30th July from 12-12.30pm

Freedom Day message from the Vicar – Please visit the [Newsletter & Notices page](#) on our website for a message about the relaxation of restrictions, and implications for worship, which reflects the way forward shared at PCC on 19th July.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 24th July 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 28th 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 28th 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 28, August 25 and September 1.

Parish Office contact and availability – The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 27th July to Friday 6th August and emails will not be checked during that time. The answerphone will be checked regularly however, so please leave a message if necessary.

Holiday Bible Week 2021 'Eyewitness', 2nd-6th August – HBW has 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 and we hope to have the 'postbox' there so your children will be able to have a chat and pray with them if they wish.

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 the Parish Office for more details.

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.

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.

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.

We are now advertising for a Families Minister! – We hope to be interviewing candidates towards the end of September. **Are you the person to encourage, coordinate, develop and expand ministry among children, young people and their families at our church?** More detailed information about the role is on the [website here](#). 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.

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 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.

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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