



Newsletter and Notices

15th August

10am Service of the Word, Church & [Zoom](#) (Derwyn: 846 662 9590 / 834900)

22nd August

10am Holy Communion with Music, Church & [Zoom](#) (Derek: 927 480 8728 / 889123)

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 Zoom on your computer** When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.
3. **Join with Audio Zoom via phone**
 - a) Call **0131 460 1196**
 - b) Enter Meeting ID followed by #, then enter Meeting Passcode followed by #
You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Collect for The Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Psalm 45

Refrain: Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed.

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; forget your own people and your father's house.

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; he is your lord, so do him honour. **[R]**

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. **[R]**

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;

after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought and enter into the palace of the king. **[R]**

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons, whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;

therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.' **[R]**

Lord our God, bring your bride, your holy Church, with joy to the marriage feast of heaven, and unite us with your anointed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel for The Blessed Virgin Mary, Luke 1. 46-55

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'



Sundays 15th & 22nd August 2021

Blessed Virgin Mary & Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Trinity 12, Psalm 84 Refrain: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you. **[R]**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion. **[R]**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand. **[R]**

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you. **[R]**

Lord God, sustain us in this vale of tears with the vision of your grace and glory, that, strengthened by the bread of life, we may come to your eternal dwelling place; in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, John 6. 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'



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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.

There will be no piano music on Fridays in August

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturdays 14th and 21st August 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays in August:

Wednesday 18th August, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Derek's Zoom (ID 927 480 8728, Passcode 889123).**

Wednesday 25th August, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Derwyn's Zoom (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).**

You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.

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

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 25th August, 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 resume on 25th August.

Churchyard tidy-up, Saturday 28th August – We're planning a short tidy-up of the churchyard from 10am on the morning of Saturday 28th August, with tea/coffee and cake/biscuits at 11am. If you'd like to join us, please contact Rosemary.

St Michael's Bell Tower will be open for tours, Saturday, 11th September – This will be part of the National Heritage Open Day which, each September, celebrates local architecture, community and history. The Tower will be open between 2-4pm with visits to the Ringing Chamber at 2pm and 3pm lasting 45 minutes, to include the ringing plus history of the bells. Space is limited so the museum will be taking bookings [here](#). The church will be open as usual to visitors.

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.



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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 Stanley.

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.

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.

Kickstart reopening – After nearly 16 months of being restricted by COVID-19, Stortford Kickstart opened its doors to clients once more on Thursday 29th July. It is a FREE service helping anyone that is seeking a job and needs a CV or help with interviews or on-line job search. No appointment necessary. All are welcome. Find it on www.stortfordkickstart.org.uk

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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