



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 19th September 2021 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



8am Holy Communion, in Church

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

We're delighted to offer refreshments to enjoy in (or outside) 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!

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When 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 followed by #, then enter Meeting Passcode followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Collect for The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Trinity 16, Psalm 54

Refrain: Behold, God is my helper.

Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.

Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth. **[R]**

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who upholds my life. **[R]**

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness.

An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,

and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies. **[R]**

O living God,

reach through the violence of the proud

and the despair of the weak

to create in Jesus Christ

a people free to praise your holy name,

now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel for The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Mark 9. 30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Come and share our 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 for all ages to share together).

There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more!

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.



At our 10am service on Sunday 19th September we introduce and pray for the family of William Dunn who is soon to be baptised.
The congregation response is, 'With the help of God, we will'.



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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.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 18th September 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 22nd September, 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.

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 22nd September, 11 for 11:15am – We're delighted to be meeting once again after the summer break - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. We are pleased to be able to offer refreshments before and after the service.

'Angel Voices' Songs of Praise, next Sunday 26th September – Next Sunday is our Patronal Festival when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. At our 10am service we will share a sequence of music and songs of praise, scriptures and prayers. After the service, please also join us in/outside the Charnley Hall to celebrate Derwyn's 25 plus years as a priest. Cake and drinks will be served.

Children's Society Box opening, Sunday 26th and Wednesday 29th September – Boxholders, please bring your boxes into church to give to Pat and Alan Matthews on either of these dates...and claim your free coffee from them on that day too! Pat and Alan will return the boxes to you in due course. If any new folks would be interested in having a charity box at home for the next year, please speak to Pat/Alan on the day.

We are planning a TLC "Club". Would you consider helping? We have a planning meeting for potential helpers on **Tuesday 28th September at 2pm in the WCC**. It may begin with a monthly event (from 2-4:30pm), perhaps becoming a weekly get together for anyone who wishes to attend. The idea is for members of our community to be able to join in with tea and talk and perhaps opportunities such as making greetings cards, small flower arrangements, board games ... and then we hope that later each afternoon we could welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play.

Harvest, Sunday 3rd October – We'll celebrate harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, *Water is Life*, bringing clean, safe water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, bringing with it transformation to daily lives and hope for the future. Life in the DRC is tough. With a history of civil war, widespread poverty and a cycle of conflict and displacement, communities struggle every day. Also, more than 70 per cent of the DRC population use unsafe drinking water and so daily encounter the devastatingly high risk of cholera, a preventable disease. We are also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 31st October – All are warmly welcome. More details coming soon.

An opportunity to sing with other local church choirs at a Festival Evensong – East Herts Church Choirs Association have their next Festival Evensong (with rehearsal in the afternoon) at Hatfield Broad Oak on Sunday 17th October, with preparatory rehearsal on the morning of Saturday 9th October here at St Michael's. See [EHCCA website](#) for more details.

Would you like to sing with our Choir? A number of people have expressed an interest in singing with the Choir more regularly, especially after the 'singing in the churchyard' sessions. If this might be for you, please do contact the Parish Office to find out more.

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.

Director of Music appointment at St Michael's Church – There is some work to be done to fix final details of the appointment process, and for the PCC to make the decision officially to launch it. I hope the process will launch officially early in October. In the meantime, the PCC has already agreed the Prospectus on which it is hoped to recruit a Director of Music. This can be viewed on our website [here](#). It's available to all to share, publicise or mention as may be helpful. And for any possibly interested candidates, indicates what we will be seeking and exploring, when the official appointment process starts. Thank you, Derwyn.

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.

Would you like a church kneeler? Perhaps for gardening use? If you'd like one, perhaps in return for a small donation, please speak to Rosemary.

Would you like to receive news and information from St Michael's electronically? May we invite new or newer worshippers to think about completing a Welcome Card, and submitting your email on it if you wish.

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

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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