



Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church

**10am Creation Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)
focusing on the stewardship and integrity of God's creation**

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments 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!

Remember to bring your order of service for the 10am service.

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 Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 8. 2-9

Refrain: O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,

that you might still the enemy and the avenger. **[R]**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What is man, that you should be mindful of him;

the son of man, that you should seek him out? **[R]**

You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under his feet. **[R]**

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. **[R]**

We bless you, master of the heavens, for the wonderful order which enfolds this world; grant that your whole creation may find fulfilment in the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Sunday 7th November 2021
Third Sunday before Advent**

A Gospel reading for today, from Luke 12

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But Jesus said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

We invite children, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, 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! **This week we'll be thinking about creation and sharing our thoughts with the congregation later in the service.**

You might also like to explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page. There's a [printable sheet](#) based on today's Gospel reading, which offers a prayer / activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



A stained glass window as part of All Saints' Day Godly Play last week

Parish Register for October

We welcome Charlie Devlin, William Dunn and Alfie Robins into the fellowship of faith following their Baptism in October.



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

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

Holy Communion, Wednesday 10th November, 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.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 10th November, 11 for 11:15am – We're delighted to be offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a little chance for the children to play before the service too!

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 13th November, 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Remembrance Sunday, 14th November – Holy Communion at 8am. Then during the 10am Service of the Word we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. During our Godly Play session we will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.

Organ Recital with Richard Carr, Saturday 20th November, 7-8pm – We are delighted that Richard will be performing a variety of pieces, including items from Bach, Vierne, Rawsthorne and McDowell. We also introduce special guest and Organ Student James Frans. Proceeds to the Bells Appeal.. Suggested donations of £5 plus invited. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

TLC Club Tuesday 7th December, 2-4:30pm – Our first monthly gathering took place last week and was huge fun! It's an opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend to be able to join in with tea and talk, read the paper, play board games ... and then later in the afternoon we welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play and enjoy a biscuit/cake/fruit snack.

Company at Christmas 2021 – Due to COVID-19, 'Company at Christmas' will once again be delivering food and gifts to our guests who might otherwise be alone at Christmas. We hope that in 2022 we will be able to return to an in-person event. This year there are THREE main ways you can help: Could you be a Delivery Driver? Could you be a Shopper? Could you be a Goody Bag Packer? Details are available on our [website](#) and if interested, please email companyatchristmas@gmail.com or contact Jenny Klincke (833523) or Margaret Fox (658638).

Short trip to Salisbury Flower Festival, 10th - 12th May 2022 – We still have a few places available. This is a lovely event and offers a very pleasant early summer break with friends from the Church. If you are interested please speak to me asap for more details. Many thanks and hope to speak to you soon. Rosemary Thomson.

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Travelling Crib – Once again we are delighted that our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent; beginning with a blessing at the 10am service on 28th November. Hosting the figures for a night is a wonderful chance to share with children the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Please chat to Katharine Stanley if you'd like to know more about it and to sign up for a night.

Autumn/Winter church opening – The Church will be locked at 3:30pm Monday – Thursday. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays may be later to accommodate visitors.

Considering schools for your little ones? Come join our St Michaels' School Family! We offer 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 wonderful school and our 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2019) Early Years.

A request for refreshment helpers – It's great to see so many people sharing fellowship at coffee times again! Would you be willing to join the coffee rota to help occasionally on either Sundays or Wednesdays? If interested, please contact Claire Conquest on 07944 431873.

The Bishop's Harvest Appeal Water is Life – We received donations totalling £870.55, including Gift Aid, supporting this year's appeal, to provide clean, safe water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It's an excellent result and the Charities Support Group thanks you for your generosity. It's the most we've raised at a Harvest Appeal in recent years and probably ever!

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.

Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar – In the run-up to Christmas, the Foodbank is expecting a rise in demand. Would you be interested in joining their initiative, possibly as part of your Advent reflection? [Details on our website](#) or on posters in the Publicity Area in church and, if you like, you could collect your items and bring them along when you come into church.

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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