



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Advent Sequence, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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 #

Collect for The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 80. 1-7

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,

shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might;

come and save us.

Restore us, O God;

make your face shine on us,

that we may be saved.

How long, LORD God Almighty,

will your anger smoulder

against the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours,

and our enemies mock us.

Restore us, God Almighty;

make your face shine on us,

that we may be saved.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 25. 1-13

The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The readings at our 8am service this Sunday, 28th November, are as follows:

Jeremiah 33. 14-16, Psalm 25. 1-9, I Thessalonians 3. 9-end, Luke 21. 25-36

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

We invite children of all ages, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during part of the service, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions, for all ages to share together, then various age related activities). There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more! **Throughout Advent we'll**

be exploring different aspects of the Christmas Story, through stories, crafts, puzzles ... and even some role play for those that want!

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.

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.



We celebrated Christ the King in Godly Play last week!



Sunday 28th November at 10am – The 10am service this Sunday will be a sequence of readings, prayers, hymns and choral music for Advent Sunday. Do join us!!

Travelling Crib, throughout Advent – Our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent; beginning with a blessing at the 10am service this Sunday, 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. **Do chat to Katharine Stanley if you'd like to know more and to sign up for a night, we've still got places we need to fill!**

Holly Wreath making, 29th November - 1st December, 10am-3pm in WCC – Would you like to help our Charities Support Group raise money this Advent? They're looking for volunteers to help with the production of holly wreaths: help gathering holly on 28th November then wreath-making Monday 29th to Wednesday 3rd. Holly wreaths are now available to pre order at £10. They'll be ready for collection on the 4th/5th December. Sign-up sheets for help/purchase are on the table in the Publicity Area or email claire.conquest62@gmail.com

Holy Communion, Wednesday 1st December, 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 1st December, 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!

Carols Together with Churches Together, Friday 3rd December, 4-6pm – Come and sing carols with Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford in Jackson Square between 4pm and 6pm on Friday 3rd December - all are welcome, for however long you can manage. Meet at the top of the escalator.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 4th December, 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

TLC Club Tuesday 7th December, 2-4:30pm – Our first monthly gathering took place recently 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. Do come along ... and tell your friends too!

DIGITAL GIVING TO ST MICHAEL'S – ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND.

While fewer people carry cash, and our donations in the collection plates and offertory box remain much smaller than before the pandemic, the costs of running our parish remain. Please consider using our digital giving facility to support St Michael's. To give by phone: text **STMIC** (then a number from 2 to 20, e.g. STMIC7 or STMIC15) to **70085**.

The most efficient way to give is by Standing Order direct from your bank account: please see the Giving Sunday envelopes from our most recent Stewardship renewal, in the Welcome Area. Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's at this season.

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

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

Charities Support Group Advent Red Bucket appeal – “We want to encourage donations to help the homeless locally this winter. Red Buckets will be in church during Advent (more details of how to donate electronically [here](#)). We'll donate the money to the Holy Trinity Night Shelter. Dave and Jocelyn who run the shelter have also requested prayers for the opening of the shelter this winter; please pray for all the volunteers and helpers, guests, trustees, and all those who work at East Herts Rough Sleeper Unit.”

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).

Giant Christmas Card in aid of The Children's Society – Once again our Giant Christmas Card will give everyone the chance to send Christmas greetings to their St Michael's friends and, instead of incurring postal charges, making a donation to The Children's Society. The card will be displayed in the Publicity Area on Sundays and Wednesdays from 5th December. Very many thanks for your support.

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

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.

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 – 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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