



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, 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 then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then #

LENT 2022 AT ST MICHAEL'S

A Season for Living in God

A Season for Giving our time

A Season for Giving our treasures

Please see our Giving Season Envelopes in the Publicity Area for more information on our Lenten theme, along with all the information on our regular and special services this Lent 2022. Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 91.1-2,9-16

Refrain: Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.' **[R]**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;

the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. **[R]**

Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them;

I will lift them up, because they know my name.

They will call upon me and I will answer them;

I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation. **[R]**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy and, as you have bound us to yourself in love, leave us not who call upon your name, but grant us your salvation, made known in the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 4. 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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, stories, crafts, puzzles, and even some acting for those that want ... 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!

You might also like to explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page. There are lots of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

Parish Register for February

We remember in our prayers the family of Nigel Sudworth, whose funeral took place this last month.

We welcome Kate, Lucy and Olivia Martin and Summer Rushworth into the fellowship of faith following their Baptism in February.

We celebrate the marriage of June Knight and Don Gibson last month.

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.
An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.



Lent Reflections

How are you feeling? - Meeting God in our emotion
Tuesdays from 8th March, 12pm in the Lady Chapel

All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. We'll explore feelings and theologically reflect on them in the light of Christ; through a meditative blend of Scripture, prayer, song, music and talks.

8th March - Isolation

15th March - Anger

22nd March - Love

29th March - Fear

5th April - Hope



Each session will be followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year: Portland Child Contact Centre and the Delhi Brotherhood.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 9th March, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Zoom (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900)**. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 9th March, 11 for 11:15am – Worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers; with a story, singing and instruments for little ones too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a little chance for the children to play before/after the service.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 12th March, 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

A Lent Sequence, next Sunday 13th March – Our worship at 10am will take the form of A Choral Lent Sequence: music, hymns, scriptures and prayers for this holy season.

A date to note – There will be a short vigil for Ukraine, **Sunday 13th March at 3pm** in the Market Square.

TLC Tuesday 5th April from 2pm, Windhill Churches Centre - 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! This coming month, the theme is Easter and the children will be invited to decorate a chocolate item!

Flower Festival for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2nd – 5th June 2022 – We need your help! Are you a flower arranger? Can you help arrange sponsorship? Please contact Claire (07944 431873 / claire.conquest62@gmail.com) or Jenny (01279 833523 / jennyklincke@gmail.com) and don't forget to save the date! Proceeds in aid of the St Michael's Church Bell Restoration Fund.

Friends of St Michael's, Saturday 2nd July – Another date for your diary! Family Fun Day, then Gilbert & Sullivan Concert. More details in due course.

More details of all services and events are available on the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Holiday Bible Week!

1st - 5th August

After two years, we're delighted to be able to return to host a live Holiday Bible Week for 2022. This year's theme is about celebration and we hope your children (ages 5-11) will be able to join us to celebrate an action packed

week full of stories, puppets, music and games. We'll be announcing more details on Facebook and Instagram over the coming weeks. Places will be allocated according to our Child Allocation Policy. So don't miss out, register now!

We have a significantly diminished rota for readers at the Sunday 8am Service – If you think you could help by joining our rota, could you please contact Steve Dale 07769 908777 / steve.dale@gmail.com. This is not an onerous duty and would only entail doing a bible reading once every 4 weeks or so. The 8am Service is fairly small, quiet and reflective and is held in the Lady Chapel.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through Lent Lunches this year. We will split the money between the Portland Child Contact Centre and the Delhi Brotherhood Society. Members of the CSG have put together information about the charities and ways to donate: please see [our website page](#) or ask the Parish Office for a copy.

Ukraine crisis: support for those fleeing the conflict and aid to those who cannot leave – May we commend to you the appeals led by the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#) and [Christian Aid](#), in case these links are helpful to you.

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EXCITING NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Families Minister at St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

In our modern world, families are under so much pressure that we feel the need for faith has never been greater. We realise that and are looking for the right person who as Families Minister can help us fulfil our mission.

Are you that person?

- Do you want to be part of our plans to build a more vibrant all-age church where families and their children are welcomed, nurtured, and encouraged to know Jesus?
- Would you be able like to lead and inspire our existing talented team to plan and deliver new activities involving children, young people, and their families?
 - Do you love working with children and young people?
 - Do you have the skills and approach to build strong relationships with young families, forge effective links with local schools and those in the wider community?

5 year fixed term contract * Could be full time or part time * £25,000 p/a (pro rata) possibly negotiable
As you would expect, it is vital that the jobholder is totally committed to good safeguarding practice which prevents harm to our children and young people

The closing date for applications is 12:00 (midday) on 31st March 2022

To find out more visit www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk