



8am Holy Communion, in Church

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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 (not on Sunday)

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone (not on Sunday)

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 or on our website's [Lent Page](#) for more information on our Lenten theme, along with all the information on our regular and special services this Lent. Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 63. 1-9

Refrain: My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.

My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. **[R]**

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
For you have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast. **[R]**

To you we come, radiant Lord, the goal of all our desiring,
beyond all earthly beauty; gentle protector, strong deliverer,
in the night you are our confidence;
from first light be our joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Gospel reading for today, Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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.

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



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 at 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.

22nd March - Fear

29th March - Love

5th April - Hope

Each session will be followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the three charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year:

Hope & Homes for Children (Ukraine appeal), Portland Child Contact Centre and the Delhi Brotherhood Society.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 23rd 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 23rd 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.

A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 24th March, 10:30am-3pm – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home are returning, on perhaps a monthly basis. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058956 to book, or for more information.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 26th March, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Sunday Services, 27th March – We'll celebrate Lent 4 at our 8am Holy Communion service and Mothering Sunday at our 10am service. Children in our Godly Play session next Sunday will be helping to finish small posies of flowers to give to ladies in our church family.

John Tarran's funeral, Tuesday 29th March – There will be a family cremation at 12noon followed by a service of thanksgiving at his recent church, St Mary's Latton at 1pm to which all are invited, then afterwards a reception at the St John's Arc Centre in Old Harlow.

TLC Tuesday 5th April from 2pm, WCC – 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!

Holy Week and Easter Services – Details on next week's newsletter but please see the [Lent and Easter page on our website](#) or pick up a flyer in church.

Flower Festival for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2nd–5th June – 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 (jennyklincke@gmail.com / 833523) and do save the date! Proceeds to 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.

Holiday Bible Week, 1st - 5th August – After two years, we're delighted to be able to host a live HBW for 2022. This year's theme is all 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. More details on Facebook and Instagram over the coming weeks. Places are allocated according to our Child Allocation Policy. So don't miss out, register now! Please may we also emphasise the importance of adults volunteers signing-up too so that we can offer places to as many children as possible (usually about 500).

Renewing the vision for our St Michael's School – We want **everyone** to be involved. We want to think about the future of our school and keep improving what we do for all members of our school community. [Please see our website for ways to be involved.](#)

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 UPDATE – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through Lent Lunches this year. Following events in Ukraine we will split the money three ways between the Hope and Homes for Children (who we regularly support through the CSG) and our original selected charities (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.

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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