



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Parish Communion with Procession, in Church

6pm Choral Evensong for Holy Week, in Church

Palm Crosses at each service

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!

2. Join Zoom on your computer (not this Sunday)

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

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone (not this 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

We invite you to return your Giving Season responses to the Parish Office.

Please see our Giving Season Envelopes in the Publicity Area or on our website's

[Lent Page](#) for more information.

Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's.

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Gospel for Palm Sunday, Luke 19. 28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

A Psalm for Palm Sunday Evening, Psalm 69. 1-20

Refrain: Hide not your face from your servant, O Lord.

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up, even to my neck.

I sink in deep mire where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters and the flood sweeps over me.

I have grown weary with crying; my throat is raw;

my eyes have failed from looking so long for my God. **[R]**

Those who hate me without any cause are more than the hairs of my head;

Those who would destroy me are mighty; my enemies accuse me falsely:

must I now give back what I never stole?

O God, you know my foolishness, and my faults are not hidden from you.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts;

let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel. **[R]**

For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me. **[R]**

I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sackcloth also and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me. **[R]**

But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord; at an acceptable time, O God.

Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy and with your sure salvation.

Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not;

let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters. **[R]**

Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swallow me up;

let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.

Hide not your face from your servant; be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble. **[R]**

Draw near to my soul and redeem me; deliver me because of my enemies.

Thirsting on the cross, your Son shared the reproach of the oppressed and carried the sins of all; in him, O God, may the despairing find you, the afflicted gain life and the whole creation know its true king, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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! This Sunday, we're going to be sharing in the Palm Procession and then enjoying activities focused on this week's Gospel: Jesus going up to Jerusalem.

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



Passiontide and Easter

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

This **Sunday 10th April is Palm Sunday** and we'll celebrate **Holy Communion at both 8am 10am, with palm crosses** and a **Choral Evensong for Holy Week at 6pm**. From 10th April onwards, our 'Way of the Cross' reflections will include a special prayer corner if you'd like to pray, light a candle or write a prayer on a paper cross and hang it by the cross. **At 7:30pm on Maundy Thursday 14th April we'll share Holy Communion with music and a Good Friday Sequence with music on 15th April from 1:45-3pm.**

On **Easter Sunday, 17th April, we'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am and 10am**, with an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service. Throughout Easter week share our Easter Resurrection story, with flowers and prayers.

Funeral of Richard Lewin, Monday 11th April, 12:30pm – Elspeth and family would like to invite all who knew Richard to the funeral and then afterwards to refreshments in the WCC.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 13th April, 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 13th April, 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 16th April, 9:30am – All welcome.

The bells restoration begins on the 19th April – The Church kitchen area and toilet will not be available for some time. However, we are very fortunate to have alternative facilities in the Churches Centre, so Wednesday morning refreshments will take place there from 20th April until the bells project is complete. This will enhance our social time with more space and during the summer we will aim to serve tea and coffee outside in the sunshine!

Roger & Rowena Sudbury farewell, Sunday 24th April – The Sudburys have settled into their new home in Suffolk and are coming to say a proper 'goodbye' to us all, sharing in worship and fellowship at the 10am service, followed by refreshments in the WCC. Do join!

TLC Tuesday 3rd May from the new time of 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC – An opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend 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! We'll begin with a short time of prayer just after 2:15pm before our session at 2:30pm. This coming month, we're planning to prepare a little something for the upcoming Jubilee.

APCM, 29th May after 10am service – Electoral Roll revision is currently taking place (ending on 1st May) if you'd like to join our electoral roll and/or nominate for PCC election.

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.

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 – 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. Places are allocated according to our Child Allocation Policy. So don't miss out, register now! Please may we also emphasise the importance of adult volunteers signing-up too so that we can offer places to as many children as possible (usually about 500).

'A Patchwork of Hope', our St Michael's School project – During the Spring term we've focused on the Christian values of Peace and Hope. Our display in church reflects those thoughts, before we share with you our Patchwork of Hope we're creating next term.

A thank you – Thanks to volunteers from our church community, we've delivered 1000 leaflets to Stortford Fields and St Michael's Hurst with a message from the Vicar and details of our Holy Week services and events.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through Lent Lunches this year. We'll split the money three ways between the Ukraine Appeal by Hope & Homes for Children (who we regularly support through the CSG) and our original selected charities (Portland Child Contact Centre and the Delhi Brotherhood Society). CSG members have put together information about the charities and ways to donate: please see [our website page](#) or ask the Office for a copy. Easter Sunday will be the final day for donations and the red buckets.

Support Ukraine: how you can help – The Diocese of St Albans has put together some useful pointers on its [website](#) and initiatives are also being taken locally through Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford, more details available soon.

A request for small, wrapped Easter Eggs – After two years without the opportunity, we're delighted to be able to offer an Easter Egg hunt for the children and young people of St Michael's after the 10am service on Easter Day. We'd be most grateful for donations of **small (Creme Egg size) individually wrapped chocolate Easter Eggs**. Please place them in the box in the Publicity Area, thank you!

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