



## Alleluia, Christ is risen!! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

**8am Holy Communion for Easter Day, in Church**  
**10am Parish Communion for Easter Day, in Church**  
**with an Easter egg hunt for children and young people after the 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!

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 #

### Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

### Gospel for Easter Day, Luke 24. 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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.

### A Psalm for today, Psalm 118. 14-24

**Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **[R]**

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. **[R]**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. **[R]**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **[R]**

### Easter for Young People

**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 loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Easter.

- **Easter reflections/art/video in the Lady Chapel** – Come and think, enjoy and praise!
- 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 in the churchyard after the 10am service this Easter Day!
- **Churches Together Easter Trail** - Hunt for the QR video and quiz codes in town and pick up a free Easter Egg from the CTBS Stall in Market Square, from 10am-4pm Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

#### GIVING SEASON RESPONSES

Thank you for responses received so far during our Lent Giving Season. Further responses, for Time and Talents and/or Financial Giving, can be placed in the wooden post box in the corner of the North Porch, or handed to a Warden. Thank you very much for considering your response to our appeal this year. Derwyn.



**The church is open Tuesday-Sunday, from early morning to mid afternoon**  
*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.*

**This Easter Day, 17<sup>th</sup> April, we'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am and 10am**, with an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service. Throughout Easter week do come and see our Easter Resurrection story: a journey of beautiful floral displays and prayers (although remember that the church is shut Bank Holiday Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April).

**The bells' restoration begins on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **and Tiny Tots** will take place there from 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Derek's Zoom (ID: 927 480 8728 / Passcode: 889123)**. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.



**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 11 for 11:15am in the WCC** – 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Roger & Rowena Sudbury farewell, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am-3pm** – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned on a monthly basis. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.

**TLC Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from the new time of 2:15pm for 2:30pm, 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! 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.

**My Place by Riding Lights Theatre, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, at 7:30pm** – CTBS is presenting this new production by the acclaimed theatre company at the Charis Centre. More information next week but do save this date in your diaries!

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

**Flower Festival for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> June** – We need your help! Are you a flower arranger? Can you help arrange sponsorship? Please contact Claire (07944 431873 / [claire.conquest62@gmail.com](mailto:claire.conquest62@gmail.com)) or Jenny ([jennyklincke@gmail.com](mailto:jennyklincke@gmail.com) / 833523). **Flower Festival Jubilee Songs of Praise in church at 4:30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June so do save the weekend!** Proceeds to our Bell Restoration Fund.

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

**Holiday Bible Week, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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).

**Thank you to everybody who has donated to our Charities Support Group Lent Red Bucket Appeal** – The proceeds will be added to money raised through Lent Lunches this year. We'll split the money between Hope and Homes for Children with their Ukraine Appeal, Portland Child Contact Centre and the Delhi Brotherhood Society.

**Support Ukraine: how you can help** – The Diocese offers useful pointers on its [website](https://www.diocese.org.uk) and initiatives are also being taken locally including Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford: meeting this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, at 7pm, at the New Apton Centre, Apton Road.

**'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 values, before we share with you our Patchwork of Hope we're creating next term.

**From our Director of Music** – We would be delighted to hear from those of all ages interested in **singing or making music** in worship. If we've spoken but I don't have your contact details, please drop me a line (parents must email on behalf of children). We're not asking for a firm commitment at this stage, just a measure of interest and enthusiasm. With every good wish, Nathan Collins [stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com)

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