

8am Holy Communion, in Church**10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)**

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in 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 #

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

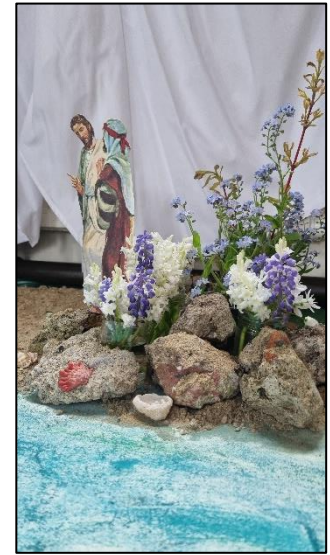
A Psalm for today, Psalm 30 Refrain: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.
Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. **[R]**
In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved.'
You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'
Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication:
'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.' **[R]**
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **[R]**

Lord, you hide your face when we trust in ourselves; strip us of false security and re-clothe us in your praise, that we may know you as the one who raises us from death, as you raised your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gospel for The Third Sunday of Easter, John 21. 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'



Detail from our Easter reflective journey: Jesus confronts Peter

GIVING SEASON RESPONSES

Giving information is now available from our [website home page](#)

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.



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

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

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). You might also like to explore the links on our [Children & Young People](#) page.

TLC Tuesday 3rd May from the new time of 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC – An opportunity 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 month, we're planning to prepare a little something for the upcoming Jubilee.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 4th May, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church and **via Zoom (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900)**. You can also dial in by phone. Due to the bell restoration, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 4th May, 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.

Bell Restoration Update – The Parish Office, Tower Room and Ringing Chamber have all been cleared and you'll have probably noticed that the back of the church is now screened off, for safety. Bellhangers, Whites of Appleton, arrive this week to begin lowering the ten bells through all the floors, the first time since 1928, before restoration and refurbishment begins. The bells may be viewed in the south aisle of the church next weekend: **7th/8th May**.

CTBS presents a short play, My Place by Riding Lights Theatre, Saturday 7th May, 7:30pm, Charis Centre – A new production by the acclaimed theatre company in partnership with the Christian charity Home for Good. HfG encourages and supports individuals, individuals, families and churches to provide safe, loving homes for children in the UK care system, through fostering and adoption. The play tells the stories of 4 such children. Tickets are £10 (£8 for under 16s and unwaged) and are available online at ridinglights.org/my-place (or telephone 01904 613000).

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.

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? **Do you have Myrtle growing in your garden and are happy for it to be pruned for the festival?** Please contact Claire (07944 431873 / claire.conquest62@gmail.com) or Jenny (jennyklincke@gmail.com / 833523). Proceeds to our Bell Restoration Fund.

Flower Festival Jubilee Songs of Praise in church at 4:30pm on Saturday 4th June so do save the weekend! Would you like to nominate a hymn with the option of giving a 2 or 3 minute testimony about it? Speak to the Vicar if you're interested.

Friends of St Michael's, Saturday 2nd July – Family Fun Day, then concert at 7 for 7:30pm: 'The World of Gilbert & Sullivan', performed by The Wandering Minstrels. £17 with finger buffet (£19 on the door). Tickets via TicketTailor [here](#) or contact Rob Klincke.

Lent Appeal Update – The CSG is delighted to report the total receipts for the Lent Appeal are £1582.57, including donations direct to the CSG account and £251 from Lent Lunches. We expect £281.51 in Gift Aid making a grand total of £1864.08. Thank you to all who contributed and those who made soup for the lunches. The money will be split between Delhi Brotherhood, The Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre, (formerly Portland Child Contact Centre) and Hope & Homes for Children (whose work currently focuses on orphanages in Ukraine where there are almost 100,000 children in over 600 institutions).

Hospitality Support for Ukrainian Refugees – Jenny Klincke has kindly offered to be a Church Representative for St Michael's, liaising with Churches Together in Bishops Stortford and Herts Welcomes Refugees. If you'd be interested in helping in offering hospitality to refugees in some way, please let Jenny know (jennyklincke@gmail.com / 833523). Many thanks.

'A Patchwork of Hope', our St Michael's School project – During the Spring term we 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 this Summer 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

Parish Register for April

We welcome Florence Fletcher into the fellowship of faith following her Baptism in April.
We also remember in our prayers the family of Richard Lewin, whose funeral took place this last month.

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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