

8am Holy Communion, in Church
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Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

12:30pm Holy Baptism

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 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 23

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **[R]**

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **[R]**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **[R]**

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,

who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death,

comfort us with your protecting presence

and your angels of goodness and love,

that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. Amen.

Gospel for The Fourth Sunday of Easter, John 10. 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'



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 season.

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.

Thank you very much for considering your response to our appeal this year. Derwyn.



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

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

Parish Office – The Parish Office is closed for the duration of the bell restoration works. Katharine is working from home and may be readily contacted by email, or chat to her after the Wednesday Holy Communion service.

Bell Restoration Update – The bellhangers, Whites of Appleton, have lowered the ten bells through all the floors, the first time since 1928, before work on the Belfry begins. The bells may be viewed in the south aisle of the church this weekend: **7th/8th May**, before nine are taken away (seven to be restored and refurbished and two sold to the Keltek Trust).

Holy Communion, Wednesday 11th 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 bells' restoration, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 11th 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.

Mothers' Union Meeting, Wednesday 11th May at 2pm in the WCC – This month our speaker is David Perry, who will be giving a talk on the Bishop's Stortford Winter Night Shelter. All are warmly invited: you don't have to be an MU member!

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 14th May, 9:30am – All welcome.

Charities Support Group Talk from Red Kite, Sunday 15th May – Siobhan Nundram, Chair of the charity *Red Kite*, will be joining our 10am service and will speak to us during refreshments in the WCC afterwards. *Red Kite* aims to provide comprehensive services to survivors of historic or recent rape, sexual abuse or violence, to enable them to thrive once more in their communities. Siobhan will tell us how this is being worked out in East Herts.

A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 26th May, 10:30am-3pm – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.

APCM, 29th May after 10am service – We invite nominations for PCC members and Churchwarden elections. Please note that the nomination forms are in church and completed forms should go to Christine Solway, via the Parish Office.

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).

Flower Festival Jubilee Songs of Praise in church at 4:30pm on Saturday 4th June so do save the weekend! Proceeds to our Bell Restoration Fund. A number of our church family are visiting the Salisbury Flower Festival next week – a little taster of the excitement to come!

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.

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. 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). Don't miss out, [register here now!](#)

Bishop's Stortford Hospitality Support – St Michael's will be providing space at the WCC for Ukrainian refugees and their host families to meet together once a week on Wednesdays between approximately 11:30am - 2pm, commencing 18th May. We need to provide some volunteers to be on hand during this time, hopefully for a two-hour slot each. It is suggested we provide a very light lunch on the first week, but we will have no idea how many people will turn up or for how long they will want to stay. This will be an evolving situation, depending on what amount of support hosts and their guests would like, and I hope, as St Michael's rep on the BS Hospitality Support Group, there are other volunteers who I can ask to come along. Please let me know if you are willing to help with these support sessions. Jenny Klincke (833523 / jennyklincke@gmail.com)

'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 stmichaelsbdom@gmail.com

Help - If anyone has Myrtle growing in their garden and are happy for it to be pruned for the flower festival, please contact claire.conquest62@gmail.com

Coronation Memories – Our MP Julie Marson is seeking to gather constituents' memories of Her Majesty's Coronation in 1953. If you have a story you'd like to write down and share, please pass it to Julie via Katharine Stanley. Thank you.

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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