



8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Parish Communion, in Church

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

Collect for The Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **[R]**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth. **[R]**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **[R]**

*In the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth, O God of all the nations;
with all your people, may we make known your grace and walk in the ways of peace; for
your name's sake. Amen.*

Gospel for The Sixth Sunday of Easter, John 14. 23-29

Jesus said: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

An anthem for today, Blessed be the God and Father, *Samuel Sebastian Wesley* (1810–1876). **Text, from 1 Peter 1:3–5, 15, 17, 22b, 23a, 24**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed at the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. 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). **We're delighted to say that in this last ten months we've grown enough to enable a fortnightly breakout session for older children/young people too: during the sermon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, also in the Lady Chapel.** 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.



Prayer Cubes made last week, during our session on encountering God through prayer



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.

Christian Aid Week, 15th -21st May – *Help turn hunger into hope. With every Gift, Every Action, Every Prayer. Every one of us can change lives.* If you wish to find out more or to make a donation, go to caweek.org or give via the **Christian Aid Red Bucket in church this Sunday 22nd May.** Why not have fun and try the CA Quiz with family and friends! Thank you so much. Carole Macdonald.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 25th May, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Due to the bells' restoration, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 25th 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.

Bishop's Stortford Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm – St Michael's is providing space at the WCC for Ukranian refugees and their host families to meet together once a week. We need to provide some volunteers to be on hand during this time, hopefully for a two-hour slot each. We had a great session last week, offering a very light lunch, but we will have no idea how many people will turn up each week or for how long they will want to stay. This is 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 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.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 28th May, 9:30am – All welcome.

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. The APCM documentation is published on the website from the [PCC page](#). **Please email our Treasurer Graziana Maddalozzo (stmichaelsbtreasurer@gmail.com) with any queries you have about the finance papers in advance of the APCM. Thank you.**

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.

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.

Flower Festival for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2nd-5th June Save the weekend!

- 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). Proceeds to our Bell Restoration Fund.
- If you are able to help during the week of the flower festival – please sign up in church.
- **Thanks for some excellent offers of hymns to sing at the Festival Songs of Praise at 4:30pm on Saturday 4th June. I'd love to have any more suggestions - and you have the option (no obligation) to say a few words about your hymn choice if you would like. Do come along to join in the praise if you can. Thank you, Derwyn.**
- There's a lovely write up on our website [here](#) about last week's visit to Salisbury Flower Festival by some of our church family... it will whet your appetite for our own!



TLC Tuesday 7th June, 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, until about 4:30pm. This coming month, we're planning a Jubilee themed tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

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 including finger buffet (£19 on door). Tickets via TicketTailor [here](#) or contact Rob Klincke.

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

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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