St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 3rd July 2022 Third Sunday after Trinity



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 after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 66. 1-8

Refrain: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.

'All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.' [R] Come now and behold the works of God,

how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

He turned the sea into dry land; the river they passed through on foot; there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;

let no rebel rise up against him. [R]

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. [R]

How generous is your goodness, O God,

how great is your salvation; how faithful is your love;

help us to trust you in trial and praise you in deliverance;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel for The Third Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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.

Parish Register for May & June

We welcome Clara Jones, Larna Lewis Gabriella and Eva Sherwen, Freddie, Albert and Violet Robins into the fellowship of faith following their Baptism. We celebrate the recent marriage of Chloe Daniels and Antony Hogg. Also of Rosie Bryan and Gareth Richardson.

We also remember in our prayers the families of Sheila Rainford, David Beazley, Anne Golynia, Agnes Pendrill, Sybil Smith and Margaret Hawkins whose funerals took place recently; and Irene Moses, whose ashes were interred in our Garden of Remembrance last month.

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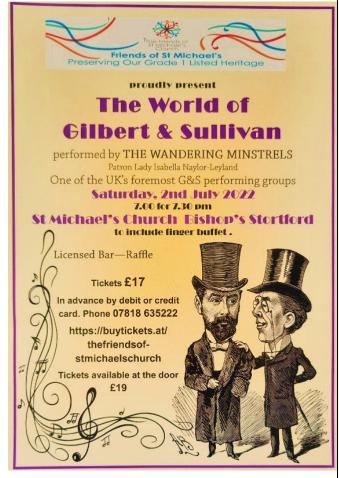
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The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon. An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

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 the door). **Tickets** TicketTailor here or contact Rob Klincke. Rob is also requesting good quality bric-a-brac for one of the stalls at the fun day: please bring donations along and leave them at the back of the church. on the green carpet. Thank you.

TLC Tuesday 5th July, 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 а biscuit/cake/fruit snack. Dο 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 having a summer holiday theme!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 6th July, 10am - A service of Holy Communion, in church. Due to the bells' work, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 6th July, 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 quests and their host families to meet together, along with some informal language lessons, once a week. We need to provide some volunteers to be on hand during this time, hopefully for a twohour slot each. We've enjoyed some great, and busy, sessions, 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 will come along. Please let me know if you are willing to help with these support sessions. Jenny Klincke (833523 / jennyklincke@gmail.com)

Remembering much loved members of our congregation – The service of Burial of Ashes for John Tarran will be at 12:15pm on Wednesday 6th July if you would like to attend the interment you will be very welcome. The families of Gladys Harris and Jacqueline Goddard would like to invite all who knew Gladys and Jacqui to their funerals at St Michael's Church. Jacqui's service is on Thursday 14th July at 12noon and the service for Gladys is at 10:30am on Thursday 28th July.

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

8am services will be fortnightly over the summer holidays - There will be NO 8am service on 31st July, 14th or 28th August. There will be Holy Communion available at 10am on 14th and 28th August. Weekly 8am Holy Communion services resume on 4th September and continue onwards.

We're still preparing for this year's Holiday Bible Week, 1st-5th August – It's going to be a wonderful year! If all this is new to you: it's a hugely successful week-long festival of learning about the Bible with fun, crafts and games for children, put together by the churches of Bishop's Stortford. We do need more volunteers – we encourage you, with all your various gifts, to volunteer for all or part of the week! (We need adults especially and have room for young people too!) Sign up at HBW website.

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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