



8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion

At our 10am service we welcome the newly baptised Freddie Robins into our church family using the response ...

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Freddie, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you!

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

Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 25. 1-10

Refrain: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. **[R]**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord, be merciful to my sin, for it is great. **[R]**

Free us, God of mercy, from all that keeps us from you; relieve the misery of the anxious and the ashamed and fill us with the hope of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Gospel for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10. 25-37

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.



We've been looking at the Old Testament and the prophets recently: here's the story of how God showed his power for Elijah and lit the fire.



Newsletter and Notices

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

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

Holy Communion, Wednesday 13th 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 13th 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 guests 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 two-hour 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)

Mothers' Union, Wednesday 13th July – The MU are having a Jubilee Party at 2pm in the Windhill Churches Centre this Wednesday 13th July. All welcome!

Remembering two much loved members of our congregation – 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 this **Thursday 14th July at 12 noon** and the service for Gladys is at **10:30am on Thursday 28th July**.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 16th July, 9:30am – All welcome.

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.



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 is staying open, please visit the [HBW website](#).

TLC Tuesday 2nd August, 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 were delighted to welcome a group from Age Concern to our July session!) 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 going to have a Beetle Drive!

Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Church Tour, Saturday 17th September – "We are delighted to be able to run a further Church Tour this year led by a knowledgeable guide. Tickets are £25 to include afternoon tea and coach travel to a few churches in our East Herts locality". Details and booking forms are on a poster in the Publicity Area.

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.

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