



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word with Holy Baptism, 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 #

Naomi & Simon Barrie would like to share in celebration of Jasper's Baptism with congregation, family and friends in the Windhill Churches Centre after the 10am service.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 15

Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right;

Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue. **[R]**

Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,

but who honours those who fear the Lord. **[R]**

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word;

Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

Whoever does these things shall never fall. **[R]**

Lord, lead us to our heavenly home

by single steps of self-restraint and deeds of righteousness;

through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10. 38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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: last week we learned about God wanting us to help poor people through the story of Elisha helping the poor family (2 Kings 4. 1-7). The children made play-dough pots as part of the discussion.



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 20th 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 20th 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. Our volunteer numbers have grown as have attendee numbers, and we have been joined by some members of St Joseph's and others. With the growing numbers, as of 13th July St Joseph's Hall will be open, with more voluntary support as an additional space for teaching or play. We are still providing a light lunch and refreshments for adults and children and whatever other support we can. If you are still considering joining our band of volunteers, please contact Jenny Klincke (833523 / jennyklincke@gmail.com)

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

St James Stansteadbury Patronal Festival Choral Evensong, Sunday 24th July at 4pm – Members of our Choir have been invited to sing at this lovely service and our church family are also invited to attend. Details via Nathan Collins.

Remembering a much-loved member of our congregation – The family of Gladys Harris would like to invite all who knew Gladys to her funeral at St Michael's Church at **10:30am on Thursday 28th July.**

Children's Society collecting boxes – If you have a collecting box please could you please bring your box to Church on a **Wednesday or Sunday before the end of July** for emptying, if possible? Any problems – please ring Alan/Pat on 659476. Many thanks for all your support.

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.

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.

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!

URGENT RESPONSE REQUIRED: Sunday Car Parking – East Herts Council is proposing to charge full parking rates for ALL Bishops Stortford car parks every day including Sunday. As well as this parking charges will generally start at 07:30 and not finish until 20:00. This could have a serious impact on all the town centre churches but will also have an adverse effect on restaurants, coffee shops and all our other traders, who are already struggling. It will need a significant level of protest to get this changed. We don't have long to respond. Objections must be by e-mail dominique.kingsbury@eastherts.gov.uk or by post to Dominique Kingsbury, East Herts District Council, Parking Services, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ **by 5th August.**

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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