



### 8am Holy Communion

### 10am Parish Communion

At our 10am service we welcome the recently 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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 138

**Refrain: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul. **[R]**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;

as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **[R]**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;

forsake not the work of your hands. **[R]**

*Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Gospel for The Sixth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 11. 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 more about Elisha and how God healed the king's commander, Naaman. (2 Kings 5. 1-14). The children had huge fun acting out the story, complete with the 'river' for Naaman to wash in.



# 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.*

**St James Stanstead Bury Patronal Festival Choral Evensong, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jennyklincke@gmail.com))

**Funeral of Gladys Harris** – Gladys' family would like to invite all who knew her to the funeral at St Michael's Church at **10:30am this Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am** – All welcome.

**Children's Society collecting boxes** – If you have a box, if possible, please could you bring it to Church on a **Wednesday or Sunday before the end of July** for emptying? 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 31<sup>st</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> August. There will be **Holy Communion available at 10am on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August.** Weekly 8am Holy Communion services resume on 4<sup>th</sup> September and continue onwards.

**Godly Play, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** – Please be aware that, due to illness and holidays, Godly Play *may* not take place next weekend ... but naturally we'll still welcome children to the service and make them feel included with worksheets and musical instruments!

**Food Bank Plea** – Increased costs of living are hitting foodbanks hard. Please consider whether you can donate food. More details on our [website](#) or see our church noticeboard.

**We're still preparing for this year's Holiday Bible Week, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August** – We do still need more volunteers helping out in tents – 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 open, please visit the [HBW website](#).

**TLC Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to [dominique.kingsbury@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:dominique.kingsbury@eastherts.gov.uk) or by post to Dominique Kingsbury, East Herts District Council, Parking Services, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ by **5<sup>th</sup> August**. See our [website](#) for some suggested reasons for objection.

**Friends of St Michael's Outing to Wimpole Hall, Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September** – A National Trust house in Cambridgeshire, with parkland and farm. Pick up at 8:30/8:45am, returning at 4:30pm. The cost of the trip is £15 for the coach plus £1 tip for the driver - £16 in total. For non-NT members, the admission fee of £15 can be made on the day in the entrance hall. Sign up in church or email [robertklincke@gmail.com](mailto:robertklincke@gmail.com).

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

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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