



Newsletter and Notices



Collect for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Trinity 7, Psalm 49. 1-12 Refrain: *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all you that dwell in the world,
You of low or high degree, both rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak of wisdom and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
I will incline my ear to a parable; I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. [R]
Why should I fear in evil days, when the malice of my foes surrounds me,
Such as trust in their goods and glory in the abundance of their riches?
For no one can indeed ransom another or pay to God the price of deliverance.
To ransom a soul is too costly; there is no price one could pay for it,
So that they might live for ever, and never see the grave. [R]
For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they perish and leave their riches to others.
Their tomb is their home for ever, their dwelling through all generations,
though they call their lands after their own names.
Those who have honour, but lack understanding, are like the beasts that perish. [R]
*Save us from envy, God our Redeemer, and deliver us from the chains of wealth, that,
ransomed through your Son, we may inherit the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

Gospel for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity, Luke 12. 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Collect for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

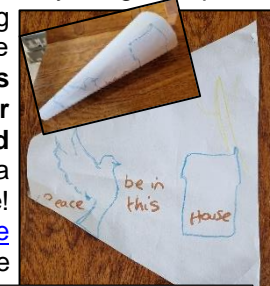
A Psalm for Trinity 8, Psalm 33. 12-22

Refrain: *The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.*
Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own.
The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of earth.
From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. [R]
He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.
No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. [R]
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
To deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine. [R]
Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; in his holy name have we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on you. [R]
*Feed your people, Lord, with your holy word and free us from the emptiness of our wrongful
desires, that we may sing the new song of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Gospel for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 12. 32-40

Jesus said: 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



Last week we returned to the Gospels for our Godly Play sessions. We heard how Jesus sent his followers out to tell everyone how much God loves them and that the disciples come back full of joy – faith in Jesus changes lives! Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20



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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.

31st July

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#) (ID 927 480 8728 / 889123)

7th August

8am Holy Communion, in Church

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We're delighted to offer refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

Children's Society collecting boxes – If you have a box, if possible, please could you bring it to Church on **Sunday 31st 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 Sunday 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.

Holiday Bible Week, 1st-5th August – We pray for all those involved in this year's HBW, especially the children of Bishop's Stortford and neighbouring towns, as they come together for the first totally 'in person' HBW in three years.

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 ... we welcome families too, to share in reading/play and enjoy a biscuit/cake/fruit snack. Do come along ... and tell your friends (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!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 3rd & 10th August, 10am in Church – Due to the bells' work, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 3rd & 10th August, 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.

Celebrations for Pat and Alan Matthews' Diamond Wedding Anniversary, Sunday 7th August – "We hope that many of our Church friends, young and old, will join us at the 10am service, then afterwards celebrate our anniversary with wine, coffee and cake in the Charnley Hall on Sunday 7th August."

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 6th & 13th August, 9:30am – All welcome.

URGENT RESPONSE REQUIRED: Sunday Car Parking – East Herts District 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, EHDC, Parking Services, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ **by this Friday, 5th August**. See our [website](#) for some suggested reasons for objection.

Friends of St Michael's Outing to Wimpole Hall, Saturday, 10th 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.

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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