



8am Holy Communion, in Church
10am Parish Communion, in Church
12:30pm Holy Baptism

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

Collect for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 51.1-10

Refrain: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. **[R]**
I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. **[R]**

*Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;
give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises
and restore by grace your own image within us,
that we may take our place among your people;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Parish Register for August

We celebrate the recent marriage of Gemma Walton and Samuel Wilkinson.
We also remember in our prayers the family of John Tass whose funeral took place last month.

Gospel for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 15. 1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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've lost a few of our helpers recently and sadly we can't offer our fortnightly breakout session for older children/young people on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month; please do contact Katharine if you'd like to help.** 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.



We continue with the Gospels for our Godly Play sessions. A couple of weeks ago we heard the story of Martha and Mary. To help us focus on making time for Jesus, we decorated paper plates with the things that make us think of God so we can look at our plates in a quiet moment and perhaps pray. Luke 10. 38-42



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

Service for HM The Queen, 10th September, 9:30am – A special Commemoration Service marking the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. All welcome.

News from the Tower – We will be having an exhibition about the bells in the 'Arts Space' of the museum until **Monday 12th September**. Also, Alan Padgett will be delivering his talk about the bells on **Tuesday 20th September** at 12:30pm in Bishop's Stortford Museum. Entry is free but places must be booked (click [here](#) or visit museum). Please try to get along to see the exhibition or the talk as it's really good to have the museum helping to promote our bell restoration project and the heritage of the bells.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 14th September, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 14th September, 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.

Ukrainian Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm – St Michael's is providing space at the WCC for Ukrainian guests and host families to meet together, along with informal language lessons, once a week. St Joseph's Hall is open too, as extra space for teaching or play. We are offering a light lunch/ refreshments for adults and children and whatever other support we can. If you are considering joining our helpers, please contact Jenny (833523/jennyklincke@gmail.com)

Meeting of St Michael's Mothers' Union on Wednesday 14th September – We're meeting at 2pm in the WCC. We have a speaker from the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, followed by tea and chat. ALL WELCOME.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 17th September – All welcome.

Grove Cottage coffee morning, Saturday 24th September, 9:30-10:30am, WCC – A fundraising walk as part of the *Great Big Walk for Herts* (12 charities walking the Hertfordshire Way in one day by doing different sections). The Way goes right past our church, so walkers are starting here at 10am. We're hosting coffee/cake for them and our congregation, with donations to Grove Cottage, to welcome and set the walkers off.

St Michael's Patronal Festival Lunch, Sunday 25th September – All are welcome to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC after the 10am service. If you are happy to contribute to the food or help set up/down please sign up in the Publicity Area. For further information contact Claire Conquest 07944 431873.

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.

Harvest, Sunday 2nd October – We'll celebrate Harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, *Not Forgotten*: for those in Mozambique who have been traumatised and displaced by conflict. Your support will help on-the-ground, local church partners to reach the most vulnerable; helping to change lives, transform communities and show God's love where it is needed most. We are also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

TLC Tuesday 4th October, 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC – An opportunity to join in with tea and talk, read the paper, play board games; 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'll begin with a short time of prayer at 2:15pm before our session at 2:30pm, until about 4:30pm. This coming month, we're going to have a Bingo game!

Following Jesus Today – Exploring Contemporary Discipleship – I'd like to hold some evening meetings, for fellowship over a light meal, followed by the chance to do some learning, sharing, praying and thinking about what following Jesus means for us in the world of today. Dates are planned for **Tuesdays: October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22**. Probably gathering from 7pm, sessions ending around 9:30. Please note the dates if you may be interested and look out for further details. Thanks for considering this opportunity, Derwyn.

Governors at our Church School: we have a couple of opportunities! Would you be interested or do you know somebody who might be? Would you like to join as a Governor appointed by the PCC, or perhaps as a Co-opted Governor if you have premises experience? Please speak to Val Ashwood or the Vicar for information.

Food Bank – Increased living costs are hitting food banks hard. Please consider whether you can donate food: details on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

Emptying of The Children's Society collecting boxes has been completed – As a result, including some additional donations, a total of £1,139.97 has been sent to the Society. Very many thanks to all our supporters. For further information about The Children's Society, please contact Pat Matthews (659476).

Public notice regarding plaque proposal for bell headstocks – We have applied to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out works outlined in [documents on the website](#) (also available to view in church).

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