



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Patronal Parish Communion with Holy Baptism, in Church

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

Then all are welcome to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC.

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.

Collect for Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 Michael and All Angels, Psalm 103. 19-22

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;

bless the Lord, O my soul. **[R]**

*Merciful Lord,
as we come from dust and return to dust,
show us the face of our Redeemer,
that in our frailty we may bless your name
and praise you all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



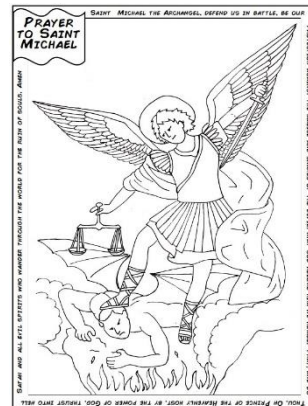
A Gospel reading for Michael and All Angels, John 1. 47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'



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 Sunday Gospel for our Godly Play sessions. This week we're talking all things angels!



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

This Sunday is our Patronal Festival

when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 28th September, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 28th 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.

Prayers for our Community in Church, 1st October, 9:30am – All welcome.

Harvest, next 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're also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. Increased costs of living are hitting foodbanks hard. Please consider whether you can donate food: details on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

Church Mission Society partner visit, 2nd October – Chris, Veronica and their three children will join us for worship and coffee. Chris will be happy to meet our church family and talk about his work in Spain. This is his first opportunity to visit us due to Covid restrictions and having a new baby.

TLC Tuesday 4th October, 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 Bingo game!

Meninadanca presentation, 16th October – The Charities Support Group have invited Matt Roper from Meninadanca to offer a brief presentation after coffee on 16th October, as we will begin supporting them in 2023. The charity provides rehabilitation and ongoing support to young girls in Brazil who have been pushed into prostitution. Do come along and find out more

'Cello Concert with Theo Tinkler, Saturday 29th October, 7pm – Theo will be performing Bach 'Cello Suite No.1 in G major; also music by Domenico Gabrielli and Dall'Abaco. Free admission with retiring collection in aid of roof repairs. Refreshments will be served. Please do come along and support this recital.

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 for information.

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.

Public notice regarding plaque proposal for bell headstocks – Notice is given that we are applying 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).

Rosemary's Jams – "Thanks to all those buying the home-made jams which I have been making during the summer. Profits are for the much-needed WCC maintenance and I hope to hand over around £100 by the end of Autumn. But I need more jars please! Many thanks, Rosemary Thomson"

The Vicar has been granted a period of leave by the Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recuperation and allow him a period of privacy with his family. In the meantime, please contact Derek or June for pastoral matters or email the Parish Office with administrative concerns.

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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