



**No service at 8am**

**10am Parish Communion, in Church**

**12:30pm Holy Baptism**

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

**Thank you for donations so far for the 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. **There will be another opportunity to give to the appeal on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, if you would like to do so.**



A woman collects water from a communal tank in the Resettlement Centre of Marrupa, Mozambique  
Photo: Ricardo Franco/Tearfund

**A Psalm for today, Psalm 66. 1-11**

**Refrain: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.

'All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.' [R]

Come now and behold the works of God,

how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

He turned the sea into dry land; the river they passed through on foot;

there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;

let no rebel rise up against him. [R]

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. [R]

*How generous is your goodness, O God,*

*how great is your salvation, how faithful is your love;*

*help us to trust you in trial and praise you in deliverance;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Collect for The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

**Gospel for The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 17. 11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sundays of the month; please do contact**

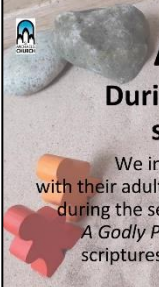
**Katharine if you'd like to help.** There's a

display in the Lady Chapel, if you'd like to find

out more! Our [Children & Young People](#) website

page has loads of activities to help young people

get to know the person of Jesus.



**A Godly Play**  
During our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!  
We invite children and young people, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during the sermon and prayers, and share in A Godly Play (a short visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions and activities to share together).

We begin to explore the theme of 'Meeting Jesus' (and for older children, the challenge of following Jesus) in our Godly Play sessions for the next few weeks.

This week we hear about Jesus reading in the synagogue. Luke 4. 16-21



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 11 for 11:15am in the WCC** – Worship for babies/toddlers and their grown-ups; with a story, singing and instruments for little ones too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a chance for the children to play beforehand.

**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](mailto:jennyklincke@gmail.com))

**Meeting of St Michaels Mothers' Union, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – 1:45 for 2pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Bill Hardy will give a talk, with slides, on the history of the Bishop's Stortford Workhouse. All welcome.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am** – All are welcome!

**Meninadanca presentation, 16<sup>th</sup> October** – The Charities Support Group has invited Matt Roper from Meninadanca to offer a brief presentation after coffee on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 along Brazil's longest motorway, the BR116. The charity runs dance classes and safe houses along with legal and welfare support to change the girls lives around.

**Fabric Working Party, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – We would like to invite as many people as possible to join us for an Autumnal churchyard clean-up. Please meet at the back of church from 10am onwards until 12 noon, or whatever time you can spare. There will be refreshments during the morning.

**'Cello Concert with Theo Tinkler, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Do also take a flyer and hand it to a friend or display it in a window!

**TLC Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 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!

**Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles.

**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.

**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.

**Forthcoming Services** – At a clergy meeting with the Archdeacon recently, it was decided that by necessity, we would have to temporarily reduce our offering of Holy Communion services at 8am. **For the next few months, the team has planned 8am services in a similar way to August: ie. generally on the first and third Sundays of the month**, (since this is when there won't be an alternative Eucharistic service available at 10am). In this coming rich season of worship and prayer, we will be celebrating many wonderful and special services: including All Saints and blessing of the Bells, All Souls Commemoration, Remembrance Sunday, our first Choral Evensong for nearly 3 years (for Christ the King), an Advent Sequence; and a service of thanksgiving for the bells, with Bishop Alan. There will be many opportunities to share worship together, for which we thank and praise God.

**The Vicar has been granted a period of leave by the Diocese.** Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recuperation and continue to 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.

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

**Parking** – A gentle reminder from the Churchwardens that the Bells restoration work continues, and sometimes this extends to Saturdays. Please avoid parking, in the churchyard all week, which includes the nominated clergy spaces.

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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