



# Newsletter and Notices

**8am Holy Communion, in Church**

**10am Parish Communion, in Church**

We are delighted that The Archdeacon of Hertford,

The Venerable Janet Mackenzie will be sharing our worship at 8am and 10am.

**12:30pm Holy Baptism**

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

*The Charities Support Group has invited Matt Roper from the non-governmental organisation, Meninadança, to offer a brief presentation after coffee on Sunday, 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.*

**A Psalm for today, Psalm 121**

***Refrain: The Lord shall keep you from all evil.***

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;

he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep. **[R]**

The Lord himself watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,

neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;

it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out

and your coming in,

from this time forth for evermore. **[R]**

*Lord, ever watchful and faithful,*

*we look to you to be our defence and we lift our hearts to know your help;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon**

*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



**Collect for The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 18. 1-8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

**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.



We continue 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 healing the paralysed man. Luke 5. 17-26



**Holy Communion, Wednesday 19<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 19<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.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 9:30am** – All are welcome!

**Holly Fair Planning Meeting, 11:15am-12:30pm, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Please drop into the meeting upstairs in the WCC with an offer to help with stalls for our **Holly Fair on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am-12:30pm** (even help for an hour rather than the whole time would be useful!) We'd particularly welcome people to help with some children's activities to make this a family friendly event. All profits go to local charities and those overseas including those whom we have recently welcomed in church. Please contact Val Ashwood or Claire Conquest for more information.

**A Quiet Day at Albury, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am-3pm** – A day of reflection and contemplation in June's home. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.


**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!

**Thanksgiving Service for Dorothy Risby, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1pm** – Clive and family invite all who knew Dorothy to the service and then afterwards to refreshments in the WCC.

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.

Saturday 29 October 7pm  
**Theo Tinkler**  
 J. S. Bach Cello Suite no.1 in G major



Also music by Domenico Gabrielli and Dall'Abaco

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St Michael's Church, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford

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**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! 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 having a Fireworks theme!

**Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre fundraising event, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Join us at the Emmaus Centre, Thorley, between 2-4pm for tea/coffee and cakes, plant sale, stalls and raffle.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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