



# Newsletter and Notices



## 8am Holy Communion, in Church

## 10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)

We are delighted that The Archdeacon of Hertford,

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

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

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

### 1. Come to Church All are welcome!

Remember to bring your order of service for the 10am service.

### 2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 927 480 8728 / Passcode: 889123).

### 3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then #

## A Psalm for today, Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;

he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.

3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;  
the Lord our God is holy.

4 Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 **Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests

and Samuel among those who call upon his name;

they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God;

you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

9 **Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill,  
for the Lord our God is holy.**

*Lord God, mighty king, you love justice and establish equity;*

*may we love justice more than gain and mercy more than power;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## A Collect for The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Gospel for today, Matthew 17. 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

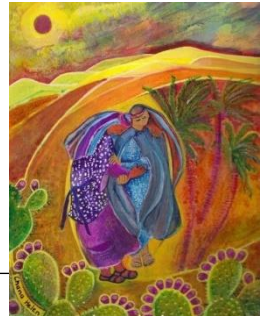
## Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

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 also have an older group breakout session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

## We begin a new theme this today: over the next few weeks we'll be thinking about loyalty, friendship and service: beginning with the story of Ruth and Naomi.

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



Ruth and Naomi  
by Chana Helen Rosenberg



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 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.

**Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February** will offer Holy Communion with option of imposition of ashes, at 10am and 7:30 pm. There will be hymns and music at both services.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**TLC Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC** – An opportunity to be able to join in with tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests ... 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! This month we welcome a Guide Dogs volunteer (and her pup!), to talk about her experience as a Guide Dogs Puppy Raiser and the onward journey.

**Could you help us as a verger for funerals?** Contact the Office if you're interested. It's not an onerous role and training will be given.

**Lent Reflections: P.R.A.Y.**

**Tuesdays from 28<sup>th</sup> February, 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel**

All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. We'll explore excerpts from Pete Greig's book, *How to Pray*, framed with hymns, silence, and prayer.

Hopefully each session will be followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year: Bishop's Stortford Youth Project (incorporating Thirst Café) and Hope and Homes for Children, who are working in Ukraine.



**Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group** – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through Lent Lunches this year. We will split the money between Bishop's Stortford Youth Project and Hope & Homes for Children. Members of the CSG are putting together information about the charities and ways to donate: please see [our website page](#) later this week, or ask the Office for a copy.

**Bishop's Stortford Youth Project talk, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 11:30am** – A couple of members of the local charity will join us during our refreshments after the 10am service and share a short 20 minute talk about the work they do. The charity is one of the two we are supporting during Lent this year.

**Steven Watson Guitar Recital, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm** – Come and enjoy a selection of beautiful music, including works by 'Shakespeare's lutenist' Robert Johnson, Franz Liszt, Django Reinhardt, and an early 19th century sonata by the Czech guitarist Wenzel Matiegka. For some fascinating programme notes, visit the [Music Page](#) on our website. Free admission, refreshments served.

**HBW 'Superheroes' 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023: We need you to be a tent leader!** Will you be a superhero and help the children of our town learn about Jesus and his love for us? You don't have to be an expert because we have people willing and able to help you lead a fun and exciting week for the children. You won't be alone in the tent. All you need is an openness to let God use you to help the children have a great time during this super week! Please contact: [davidholidaybibleweek@gmail.com](mailto:davidholidaybibleweek@gmail.com)

**Tesco blue tokens for Bells restoration project** – We have been successful in our application for the Tesco Community Grants Scheme. Please consider using your blue tokens (in Stortford, Stansted and Elsenham Tesco branches) for our Bells Appeal, until the end of March. Winning vote wins £1500.

**Food Bank Update** – Bill Macdonald, Chair of Trustees, has written an article sharing news from the last couple of months. It's on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

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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