



**Alleluia, Christ is risen!!  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!**

**8am Holy Communion for Easter Day, in Church**  
**10am Parish Communion for Easter Day, in Church**  
**with an Easter Egg hunt for children and young people after the service**

*Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in (or outside) the WCC  
after the 10am service.*

### Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

### Gospel for Easter Day, John 20. 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### A Psalm for today, Psalm 118. 1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

***I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.***

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

***I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.***

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. [R]

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

***I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.***

### Easter for Young People

**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.** This week we're going to be celebrating Easter in our worship and creating an Easter Garden in the Lady Chapel for all to see and enjoy.

- Our [Children & Young People website page](#) has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Easter, including some special Easter printables.
- **Easter reflections and art in the Lady Chapel** – Come and think, enjoy and praise!
- We're delighted to be able to **offer an Easter Egg hunt** for the children and young people of St Michael's in the churchyard after the 10am service this Easter Day!



**The church is open every day, from early morning to mid afternoon**  
*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.*

**This Easter Day, 9<sup>th</sup> April, we'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am and 10am**, with an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service. Throughout Easter week do take the opportunity to come and see our Easter flowers and perhaps hang a prayer on the tree in our 'Garden of Gethsemane'.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 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> April, 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, WCC** – Space at the WCC for Ukrainian guests and host families to meet weekly, with informal language lessons.

**Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am-3pm** – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home, offered on a monthly basis. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.

**St Michael's Coffee Morning, WCC, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Come and join us for a cuppa from 10am to 12 noon. Fresh coffee / tea, biscuits and cakes ... plus a cake stall, a raffle and a good as new / unwanted gift stall. All contributions to the good as new/unwanted presents stall and the cake stall will be gratefully received. Thank you.



**TLC Club's Coronation Celebration, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.30 to 4.30pm** – An Open Invitation to all our friends in the local community to come along to celebrate this momentous occasion. Some of us of a certain age will remember the 1953 Coronation, so please bring any memorabilia of royal occasions for us to share memories! £2 for the afternoon, including cakes, tea/coffee/soft drinks, plus a glass of fizz as we raise our glasses to King Charles.

**Just as important also are our Church services around that time: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, 8am Holy Communion and 10am Service of the Word; **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, 10am Holy Communion and 6pm Festal Choral Evensong in Thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III, when we're delighted that the new Bishop of Hertford, The Rt Rev'd Dr Jane Mainwaring will be preaching.

**APCM, 28<sup>th</sup> May after 10am service** – Electoral Roll revision starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> April, if you'd like to join our electoral roll and/or nominate for PCC election.

**HBW 'Superheroes' 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023** – Sign up for helpers and children is open at [holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://holidaybibleweek.co.uk) Please pray for the success of this year.

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

**The Church-School Committee of the Governors at St Michael's school really needs one or more Associate Governors** – There are only two formal meetings a year. We focus on the SIAMS 'Church school' inspections priorities, RE and Collective Worship, and also promote and encourage Church links, with St Michael's Church in particular. We would appreciate more input from St Michael's Church to complement the excellent work by the headteacher Rachel Griffiths at school. The last inspection feedback (2019) is available on the [St Michael's school website](http://St Michael's school website). Hopefully we can support the school in this important area. Please speak to us at church or contact by email the co-chairs Val Ashwood and Mark Johnson ([chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk)) or see Katharine Stanley if you are interested.

**Children's Society** – Good news! Carole Macdonald is taking over as Children's Society Rep in St Michael's Church. We are hoping to empty all collecting boxes before we leave, so please bring your box to church or get in touch if you need us to pick it up. Thank you. Pat & Alan (659476).

**Do you have any unwanted A4 box files?** Katharine is gradually sorting through materials for Godly Play, and we really need about 10 box files (**not** the lever arch ones). Thank you! Please leave any donations at the back of the church or email the Parish Office.



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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