



No Service at 8am

10am Holy Communion, in Church

12:30pm Holy Baptism

A Psalm for today, Psalm 116

Refrain: *Gracious is the Lord and righteous*

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **[R]**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **[R]**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant,

your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **[R]**

*As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, may we call upon your name,
raise the cup of salvation, and so proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come in glory. Amen.*

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 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. **Today, we'll be hearing how the power of God makes a huge change in people and how Peter was given the strength to speak out (Acts 2. 1-13, 43-47).**

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

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Gospel reading for today, Luke 24. 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



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 26th April, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 26th 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.

A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 27th 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.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 29th April, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Coronation Churchyard Spring Spruce up, Saturday, 29th April – Meet at the West Door at 10am. Bring your own gardening gloves. **Then don't forget to go to ...**

St Michael's Coffee Morning, WCC, Saturday 29th 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 2nd 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 7th May, 8am Holy Communion and 10am Service of the Word; **Sunday 14th 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.



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.

Jill Crossland Piano Recital, Sunday 21st May, 3pm – Works to include Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven's Variations on 'God save the King'. Free admission with retiring collection. Refreshments will be served.

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

Thanksgiving and Celebration for the end of the Bells Project, Sunday 4th June – Please save the date in your diary to join us in worship at 10am then enjoy special refreshments afterwards in the Windhill Churches Centre. More details soon.

HBW 'Superheroes' 7th-11th August 2023 – Sign up for helpers and children is open at 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](#). 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) or see Katharine Stanley if you are interested.

Church football team – Tom Amos, Youth & Young Adults Ministry Lead at the Community Church is looking to start a team in the town, initially with kickabouts in April/May on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons. Contact tom@thecommunitychurch.org.uk



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! **None received yet**, so please leave any donations at the back of the church or email the Parish Office.

Street Pastors' Newsletter – Do have a look on our website or see the church noticeboard for [the latest newsletter](#) from Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth Street Pastors, a few of our church family are actively involved in this important ministry.

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