



### No Service at 8am

### 10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

### 12:30pm Holy Baptism

#### Collect for The First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Psalm for today, Psalm 33. 1-12

**Refrain: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, for it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the lyre; on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.

Sing for him a new song; play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

For the word of the Lord is true and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord. **[R]**

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin

and lays up the deep in his treasury.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.

For he spoke, and it was done;

he commanded, and it stood fast. **[R]**

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught;

he frustrates the designs of the peoples.

But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever

and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord

and the people he has chosen for his own. **[R]**

*Feed your people, Lord, with your holy word  
and free us from the emptiness of our wrongful desires,  
that we may sing the new song of salvation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 9. 9-13,18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

#### 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. **Today, we'll be resuming our stories of Isaac, this week learning about Isaac meeting and marrying Rebekah (Genesis 24).**



Our Trinity Sunday crafts last week

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



# 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.*  
*The church toilet is out of order for the next two weeks due to emergency repairs.*  
*The WCC will be open.*

**Love Stortford '23, Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – The Churches Together event is taking place once again. Would you like to join the carnival procession, litter pick, organise your own project or deliver gifts to schools? Pick up a leaflet in the Publicity Area.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 11 for 11:15am** – 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 in the WCC, if you can. **We now gather in the WCC and walk to the Lady Chapel for worship.**

**Ukrainian Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm, WCC** – Space for Ukrainian guests and host families to meet, with informal language lessons.

**Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Charity Flute Recital, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm** – An evening of flute virtuosity with music by Widor, Taffanel, Huë and Rachmaninov. Annie is a 16-year-old student at Wells Cathedral School raising money for Marie Curie, in loving memory of her aunt.

**Street Pastors presentation, 18<sup>th</sup> June** – The Charities Support Group has invited Street Pastors to offer a brief presentation after coffee next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, as one of the charities we support. Please come along and listen to find out more about their brilliant work supporting people in our town, Sawbridgeworth, and surrounding areas.

**Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford June Forum, St Barnabas Centre, Thorley, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 7:45 for 8pm** – The meeting will include a talk about an exciting project which hopes to start in September working with young people in our town; so anyone who is interested is invited to come along to listen to Michael Hunter who heads up Young Life, an interdenominational organisation whose aim is to reach out today's unchurched young people, wherever they are. Michael will speak early in the meeting so you don't need to stay for the rest of the meeting if you are not a Forum member!

**There won't be a TLC session in the WCC on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – TLC friends will be enjoying a trip out for a cream tea at a surprise venue. We'll be back on 1<sup>st</sup> August.



Sundays in July at 3pm  
**Organ Festival**  
Come and hear the "King of Instruments"  
2 July - Paul Hale  
9 July - Pavlos Triantaris  
16 July - Jonathan Lilley  
23 July - Chris Benham  
30 July - Alex Jones  
St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford  
Free admission with retiring collection  
Refreshments will be served  
www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk

**Summer Organ Festival Concerts, Sundays in July at 3pm** – Please do come along and enjoy these five concerts, with five different renowned organists. Free admission with retiring collection. Refreshments will be served.

**HBW 'Superheroes' 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023** – Children's sign up for children is at [holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://holidaybibleweek.co.uk) **If your children have never come along before it's definitely one not to miss.**

**A date for your diary** – After the recent stirring evening worship, we have chosen a date for our next **Choral Evensong: Bible Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at 6pm.**

**St Michael's is looking for a suitable volunteer** – to independently examine the church's 2023 accounts, starting from February 2024. The role doesn't need to be taken on by a qualified accountant; but someone who has appropriate skills and experience with their own bookkeeping or has had the role of treasurer in a comparable organisation. Please contact Katharine, Graziana or the Wardens if you feel this may be something you could help with in the future.

**RESOURCING ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

Please take and ponder a letter from the Vicar, Churchwarden and Treasurer, about giving of time, talents and treasure, Please help if you can with delivering letters personally addressed to members of HUBB (our Church Management System). Please take one of the generic Giving Season envelopes if you are not yet registered with HUBB. Many thanks.

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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