



## No Service at 8am

### 10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

### Collect for The Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 86

**Refrain: All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord.**

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. **[R]**

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer

and listen to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my distress I will call upon you,

for you will answer me. **[R]**

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;

give your strength to your servant

and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour,

that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;

because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. **[R]**

*God of mercy,*

*who in your great love*

*drew your Son from the depths of the Pit,*

*bring your people from death to life,*

*that we may rejoice in your compassion*

*and praise you now and for ever. Amen.*

### A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 10. 24-39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### 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



Last week's session learning about Jacob and his brother Esau.

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 hearing about how God spoke to Jacob in a dream (Genesis 28. 10-22).**

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



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

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

**Audrey Menhennet's funeral, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – There will be a family cremation in the morning followed by a service of thanksgiving here at St Michael's at 2:30pm to which all are invited, then afterwards a reception in the Charnley Hall.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 28<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 28<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 gather in the WCC and walk across to the Lady Chapel for worship.**

**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 29<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am-3pm** – June would like to highlight this Thursday's day of reflection and contemplation in her home. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.

**Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Thanksgiving for Baptism Service, next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am** – All are warmly invited to this special Service of the Word. If you have a Baptism Candle, please bring it with you.



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

**There won't be a TLC session in the WCC on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Our 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.

**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.

**Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we welcome Paul Hale for a programme of sumptuous music and cake!** Paul was organ consultant for the Mander Organs rebuild in 2016. He is Organist Emeritus at Southwell Minster. Paul will play works by Karg-Elert, J S Bach, Mendelssohn, Whitlock (Folk Tune), Franck, Jongen and Walton (Crown Imperial).

**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.**

**Street Pastors video** – It was lovely to hear more about the work of the Street Pastors last Sunday. They played a short introductory video clip, which wasn't very easy to see in the bright light of the Charnley Hall. You might like to watch it again (or the longer video that follows) on You Tube [here](#).

**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 Graziana or the Wardens if you feel this may be something you could help with in the future.

**Christian Aid Thanks** – Thank you so much to everyone who donated on line or in church during Christian Aid Week. The Red Bucket collection raised **£294.50!** A fantastic total to support the great work of Christian Aid. Thank you also for your prayers.

**Parish Office** – The Parish Office is closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June for the next couple of weeks. Katharine returns to work on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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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