



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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 145. 8-15

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you. **[R]**

They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power,

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages. **[R]**

The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **[R]**

*King of the universe,
you show the bright glory of your reign in acts of mercy and enduring love;
raise the spirits of the downcast and restore those who have fallen away,
that we may sing for ever of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

An anthem for today 'Like as the Hart' (Howells)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
"Where is now thy God?"

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 continuing to learn about Jacob, how he returned home to his family, and how God is with us in difficult relationships (Genesis 32, 33).**



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.



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

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Summer Organ Festival Concerts, Sundays in July at 3pm – Please do come along and enjoy these concerts. Free admission with retiring collection. Refreshments will be served. **This Sunday we welcome Pavlos Triantaris:** Pavlos Triantaris is a fine musician. As well as organ, he plays the guqin, a plucked seven-string Chinese musical instrument. He also composes and improves very well, and will include his own work in this recital. Pavlos is Organist at the Letchworth Traditional Anglican Church. He will play music by Bach (Toccatina and Fugue in D minor), Stanley, Carl Orff, Triantaris and Alain. Tea and cake as usual!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 12th July, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 12th July, 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.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 15th July, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

TLC Tuesday 1st August, 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're having a Bingo game, since it was such fun last time!

HBW 'Superheroes' 7th-11th August 2023 – Children's sign up for children is at 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, 29th October 2023, at 6pm.**

St Michael's Bells Restoration – Donate a headstock for £1,000 and we supply a brass plaque, approximately 7 inches long, which will be fixed to the headstock and inscribed with a suitable approved wording, e.g. "Headstock donated by The Smith Family In memoriam John Smith 1930-2022." For more information contact Claire Conquest or Gill Johnson or alternatively please email: bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk

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.

Parish Office – The Parish Office is closed for the next few days. Katharine returns to work this Thursday 13th 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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