



No Service at 8am

10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

Giving Sunday

Collect for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 112

Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **[R]** It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. **[R]** Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. **[R]**

A Gospel reading for today, Mark 12. 41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

An anthem for today *O how amiable (Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958)*

Text from Psalms 84 and 90.

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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're continuing our short series on the stories Jesus told (Luke 14. 15-24) ... but hoping to combine it with some outdoor play if the weather is ok!**



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

Last week's story of the kind traveller (The Good Samaritan).



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

RESOURCING ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Our 10am service this Sunday is a culmination of our Giving Season, in which church members have been invited to consider their offering of time, talents and treasures to our shared work and ministry.

The hymns, readings and preaching in the service reflect this.

Please take one of the generic Giving Season envelopes if you are not yet registered with HUBB, our Church Management System. Thank you.

Summer Organ Festival Concerts, Sundays in July at 3pm – Please do come along and enjoy these last two concerts. Free admission with retiring collection. Refreshments will be served. **This Sunday we welcome Chris Benham:** Chris is an outstanding organist. He organises Soundbites music concerts at All Saints Church, Hertford and is organist at St Edmund's College, Ware. He will play a beautiful selection of music by Prizeman (Songs of Praise Toccata), Vaughan-Williams, Mozart, Brahms and Vierne (Carillon de Westminster). Tea and cake to follow as always.



Holy Communion, Wednesday 26th July, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service offered in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 26th 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 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, WCC – This is taking a break during the school holidays but we hope it will resume in September.

A quiet day at Albury, this Thursday 27th July, 10:30am-3pm – A day 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 July, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

St Michael's Coffee Morning, WCC, next Saturday 29th July – 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 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 – 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

We have an opportunity for a Governor at our Church School! Would you be interested or do you know somebody who might be? Please speak to Val Ashwood or Mark Johnson for information (chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk).

Draft Minutes of the APCM, May 2023 – These are available via the PCC Page on our website [here](#). Please contact the Office for a copy if you don't have a computer.

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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