



Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

1. Come to Church All are welcome!

Remember to bring your order of service for the 10am service.

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 927 480 8728 / Passcode: 889123).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call **0131 460 1196** b) Enter Meeting ID then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then #

Collect for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 67

Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **[R]**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth. **[R]**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **[R]**

In the face of Jesus Christ

your light and glory have blazed forth,

O God of all the nations;

with all your people, may we make known your grace

and walk in the ways of peace; for your name's sake. Amen.



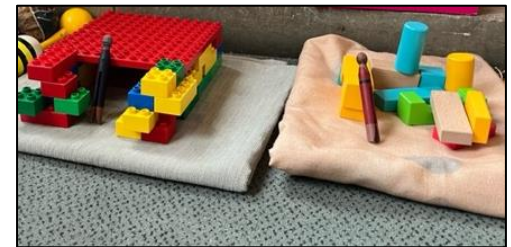
A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 15. 21-28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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 with the parable about hidden treasure (Matthew 13. 44)**



Last week's parable about the two house builders

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

We are delighted to announce the recommencement of our young person's choir from September.

If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact me. We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people and welcome the support of those who would like to help contribute to these. Many thanks, Nathan stmichaelsbdom@gmail.com



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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 23rd August, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

TINY TOTS CONTINUES ALL SUMMER! Wednesdays 23rd, 30th August, 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.**

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 26th August, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Funeral of Beryl Jones, Thursday 31st August, 1:30pm – Mandy and family would like to invite all who knew Beryl to come to the funeral and then afterwards to refreshments in the WCC.

Tours of the Tower after the service on Sunday 3rd September – Please join us in worship at 10am then enjoy tours of the Bell Tower which will take place from approximately 11am to 12 noon. Meet at the door by the bottom of the tower or in the North Porch if it's raining. There will also be another opportunity on Sunday 17th September, as we join in Heritage Fortnight celebrations with a tower and church open day.

TLC Tuesday 5th September, 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 surprise talk!

Holly Fair 2023 meeting – A meeting for anyone interested in being involved in the event will be held on **Thursday 7th September at 8pm** in the WCC. The Holly Fair is on 2nd December. If you can come to the meeting it would be lovely to see you. Likewise if you can run a stall or help in any other way but can't attend please give your name to one of the following. Thank you from Mireille Els, Carole Macdonald, Claire Conquest or Val Ashwood.

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.

Bike 'n Hike 2023, Saturday 9th September 2023, 9am-5pm – This is the most important fundraising event for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust - ride or walk around churches in the area to raise money for the trust, with 50% to our own church. It would be great to offer a cold drink and a smile to visitors here that day too: so please sign up if you can help for an hour or two! Sponsorship packs are also available if you'd like to take an active part.

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 or email them at chair@stmichaelsjimi.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.

GIVING SEASON THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this year's Giving Season with new regular donations, increased pledges, one-off donations, by Gift-Aiding your giving, or by sustaining your giving. Thank you too for offers of Time and Talents. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to consider your response, Giving Season envelopes remain available in church.

Many thanks from the Vicar, Churchwardens and Finance Committee.

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