



**No Service at 8am**

**10am Parish Communion, in Church**

**12:30pm Holy Baptism**

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

### Collect for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 124

**Refrain: Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say;  
If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;  
Then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger burned against us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over our soul;  
over our soul would have swept the raging waters. **[R]**  
But blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth. **[R]**

*O God, maker of heaven and earth, you save us in the water of baptism  
and by the suffering of your Son you set us free;  
help us to put our trust in his victory and to know the salvation won for us  
by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### 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.*

### A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 16. 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. **Today, we're concluding our short series on the stories Jesus told with the parable about the yeast (Matthew 13. 33)**



Last week's parable about the hidden treasure

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.*

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.

**Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Tours of the Tower after the service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September, as we join in Heritage Fortnight celebrations with a tower and church open day.

**TLC Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm** in the WCC. The Holly Fair is on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Choir Open Evening • Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**6pm Pizza and games in the Charnley Hall, Windhill Churches Centre  
7-8pm Rehearsal in St Michael's Church**

All ages 7 and up welcome. For more information or just to chat about Music at St Michael's please contact Nathan Collins on [stmichaelsbdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbdom@gmail.com)

**Bike 'n Hike 2023, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TLC Club visit to Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – We would like to offer an invitation to other parishioners to join us. The cost is £25 (coach and entrance) with confirmation on payment in cash or cheque payable to Rosemary Thomson, pickup at the back of Sainsbury's, Thorley 9am or Windhill 9:10am. Places limited so please speak to Rosemary at church on Sundays and Wednesdays. ([r.thomson019@gmail.com](mailto:r.thomson019@gmail.com) 758389 / 07449 326840)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk)).

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