



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word with Holy Baptism, 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 105

Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done,

his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **[R]**

Israel came into Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;

he made them too many for their adversaries,

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people

and dealt craftily with his servants.

Then sent he Moses his servant and Aaron whom he had chosen. Alleluia. **[R]**

God of our earthly pilgrimage,

feed your Easter people with the bread of heaven,

that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness until we reach our promised land;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 16. 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 beginning a new series, on God's plan for Joseph (Genesis 37-42).**

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

Parish Register for August

We welcome Ethan Onyeka into the fellowship of faith following his Baptism in August.

We give thanks for the twenty five years of marriage of Paul & Julie Halls and celebrate their renewal of vows.

We also remember in our prayers the families of Beryl Jones and Sylvia Rose whose funerals took place last month.



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.

Tours of the Tower after the service this 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 be another opportunity on **Sunday 17th September**, as we join in Heritage Fortnight celebrations with a tower and church open day.

Funeral of Joan Dodd, Tuesday 5th September, 1pm – All who knew Joan are warmly invited to the funeral and then afterwards to refreshments in the WCC.

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! Please be aware there will be no parking in the churchyard due to the earlier funeral.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 6th September, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 6th September, 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.**

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.

Choir Open Evening • Friday 8th 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 stmichaelsbssdom@gmail.com

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

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! We only have a couple of helpers so far!** Sponsorship packs are also available if you'd like to take an active part.

St Michael's Patronal Festival Lunch, Sunday 24th September – All are welcome to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC after the 10am service. If you are happy to contribute to the food or help set up/down please sign up in the Publicity Area. For further information contact Claire Conquest 07944 431873.

Harvest, Sunday 1st October – We'll celebrate Harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, *Cracking Food Poverty Together*, supporting Mission Direct's work in Kumi, Uganda, by providing materially poor families with chickens. This offers a sustainable, low cost food source and a new income stream, because they can sell some of their eggs and new chicks that hatch. Their first hatchlings are returned to the project so that another family benefits. We're also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

Galliard Trio, Sunday 1st October at 3pm – All are warmly invited to this superb ensemble, featuring oboe, flute and bassoon or piano. Free admission, with retiring collection. Refreshments will be served at the end.

TLC Club visit to Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair, Friday 17th 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 758389 / 07449 326840)

AS THE NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS – 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).

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