



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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 149

Refrain: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.

For the Lord has pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with salvation. **[R]**

Let the faithful be joyful in glory; let them rejoice in their ranks,

With the praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands;

To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with fetters of iron;

To execute on them the judgement decreed:

such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia. **[R]**

Glorious and redeeming God, give us hearts to praise you all our days and wills to reject the world's deceits, that we may bind the evils of our age and proclaim the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 18. 15-20

Jesus said, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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 series on God's plan for Joseph, finding out about Joseph being taken to Egypt (Genesis 37. 12-36).**

Working on Joseph's robe last week, and making it colourful!

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 – If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com) 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.

Confirmation preparation for young people, Year 6 upwards – We are working towards a service scheduled for **Tuesday 7th November at 7:30pm**. First indications are that **an after-school session on a Tuesday, around 4-4:50pm**, might work. It will probably be something of a mixed-age group; with opportunity for those of different ages and abilities to explore the faith in an appropriate way for them.

If young people and their parents judge that they are ready, and keen to work towards taking this step, please come and speak to me. Thank you, Derwyn.



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 13th September, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 13th 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.**

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 16th September, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Heritage Fortnight celebrations, Tours of the Tower after the service, Sunday 17th September – Please join us in worship at 10am then enjoy tours of the Bell Tower which will take place at approximately 11am, then 12:30pm and 2pm. Meet at the door by the bottom of the tower or in the North Porch if it's raining.

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.

Open Doors 'Standing Strong', 30th September, 10am-2.30pm at C3 Church, Cambridge – An opportunity to meet persecuted Christians from around the world and hear their stories first-hand. Free to attend, tickets via [Open Doors website](#).

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. for a sustainable and 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 are 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.

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.

TLC Tuesday 3rd October, 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC – An opportunity 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 our speaker is Derrick Bailes, a volunteer with REMAP, a charity which tries to make or modify products for people with disabilities.

Bible Sunday, 29th October – At 10am we celebrate Parish Communion (there is no service at 8am), then at 6pm we welcome The Rev'd John Chitham, Rector of the United Benefice of Standon, the Mundens and Sacombe as preacher at our Choral Evensong.

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)

Holly Fair, Saturday 2nd December – If you can run a stall or help in any other way, please give your name to one of the following. Thank you from Mireille Els, Carole Macdonald, Claire Conquest or Val Ashwood.

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).

A message from Mandy Hood – Mandy would like to thank everyone for coming to her mother's funeral and if anyone wants a service sheet, Mandy should have a few more soon so please speak to her.

CTBS – A night shelter open day and a fundraising sleep out, a wellbeing course, a marriage course ... a reminder that there are lots of events and courses in our churches locally. Visit the [CTBS website](#) or see their [Facebook account](#).

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