



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Patronal Parish Communion, in Church

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

Then all are welcome to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC.

If you are happy to contribute to the food or help set up/clear up please sign the sheet in the Publicity Area.

For further information contact Claire Conquest 07944 431873.

Collect for Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 Michael and All Angels, Psalm 103. 19-22

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word. **[R]**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;

in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul. **[R]**

Merciful Lord,

*as we come from dust and return to dust,
show us the face of our Redeemer,
that in our frailty we may bless your name
and praise you all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



A Gospel reading for today, John 1. 47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'



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 going to be celebrating the Feast of St Michael with the rest of our church family: we're following the Sunday readings and talking all things angels!**

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 (stmichaelsbso@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.



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

This Sunday is our Patronal Festival
when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 27th September, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 27th 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.**

Macmillan Big Coffee Morning – Jenny Klincke is inviting everyone to attend her fundraising coffee morning on **Friday 29th September** at 21 Marlborough Close between 10am and 1pm. Please drop by for coffee, cake and convivial company!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 30th September, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Grove Cottage coffee morning, Saturday 30th September, 9:30-10:30am, WCC – A fundraising walk as part of the *Great Big Walk for Herts* (12 charities walking the Hertfordshire Way in one day, each walking different sections). The Way goes right past our church, so walkers start here by 10:30am. We're hosting coffee/cake for them and our congregation, with donations to Grove Cottage, to welcome and set the walkers off. Please come and join us, it was a very positive experience seeing them off last year!

Harvest, next 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. Programme notes are on the [Music at St Michael's page](#) on our website.

Following Jesus: worship themes for October – In October, our worship will centre around themes of discipleship, with readings and hymns chosen to focus. We'll be considering Following Jesus ... 'in the way of the Kingdom', 'as we age', 'and sharing our faith', 'in an online life', 'as people of Scripture'. Some further discipleship themes will continue into November, and possibly Lent 2024.

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

Saying Goodbye, 9th October, 7pm, St Albans Cathedral – A baby loss remembrance and support special service. Visit www.sayinggoodbye.org

The wedding of Max and Mireille, Tuesday 10th October, at 12noon – Max and Mireille warmly extend an invitation to all in our church community who would like to attend their wedding. Please respond to weddingofmaxandmireille@gmail.com by 3rd October. The invitation is on display on the noticeboard in the Publicity Area.

Alzheimer's Society Talk – The Charities Support Group has invited the Alzheimer's Society to offer a brief presentation after coffee on **Sunday 15th October**, as one of the Charities we support. Do come along and find out more.

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 UBSMS 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 Mireille Els, Carole Macdonald, Claire Conquest or Val Ashwood. The next Holly Fair meeting will be **after the 10am service (at about 11:30am) on 29th October** in the WCC.

Red Bucket appeal for those affected by Moroccan earthquake and Libyan floods – There will be red buckets at services until 30th September, or if you'd prefer to give by bank transfer to the Charities Support Group, see our [CSG website page](#).

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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