



8am Holy Communion for Harvest, in Church

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

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

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 or healthcare gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. Increased costs of living are hitting foodbanks hard. Please visit our website [here](#) to see their most needed items; or see the church noticeboard.



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 #

A Psalm for today, Psalm 65

Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;

when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. **[R]**

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;

the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **[R]**

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water;

you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep

and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. **[R]**

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Gospel reading for today, Luke 12. 16-28

Jesus told a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you— you of little faith!

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 Harvest with the rest of our church family: praising God for his goodness (Psalm 136. 1-9).**

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 (stmichaelsbdsom@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.

Galliard Trio, this 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.



TLC this 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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 4th October, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 4th October, 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, Saturday 7th October, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer in the Lady Chapel. All welcome.

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.

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 12 noon – 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.

Mental Health Friendly Church Training Day, St Barnabas Centre, Saturday 14th October – There are still spaces available, see [our website](#) or noticeboard.

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.

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.

New appointment for The Rev'd Anthony Searle – Those of you who remember Anthony might like to know that has been appointed Team Rector of the High Wycombe Benefice. Please keep him in your prayers as he celebrates his last service in Corby today and for his installation on Friday 3rd November. Thank you, Derwyn.

TLC Club visit to Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair, Friday 17th November – We would like to offer an invitation to other parishioners to join us. £25 (coach and entrance) 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 (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.

New Parish Safeguarding Officer – We give thanks for Bill Macdonald's many years of service in this role and are delighted that Dotun Akinde has volunteered to take over his responsibilities. Michelle Durnell kindly continues as PCC Children's Advocate.

Explore the [Diocese of St Albans website](#) – to discover a wealth of training and development opportunities for lay people. This can also be accessed through a regular Mission and Ministry Newsletter by registering with their [Resource Centre](#).

Parish Register for September

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Joan Dodd, whose funeral took place last month and Joy Cornell, whose ashes were interred in our Garden of Remembrance in September.

We welcome Arthur Andrews into the fellowship of faith following his Baptism last month.
We celebrate the blessing of the marriage of Carol-Anne and David.

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