



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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Following Jesus: worship themes this October

Our worship will centre around themes of discipleship, with readings and hymns chosen to focus. The readings are distributed with our newsletter each week by email.

Please complete a form in the Publicity Area if you'd like to receive weekly emails.

Today we'll be considering **Following Jesus in the way of the Kingdom.**

Some further discipleship themes will continue into November, and possibly Lent 2024.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 119. 33-40

Refrain: My delight shall be in your commandments.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your testimonies
and not to unjust gain. **[R]**

Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities;
O give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise,
which stands for all who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgements are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness give me life. **[R]**

A Gospel reading for today, Mark 1. 14-22

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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, after a break for our festivals, we're concluding our series on God's plan for Joseph, as we discover how Joseph helped his family (Genesis 42. 1-13).**

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 (stmichaelsbdom@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.



Pictures from our Patronal Festival (St Michael and the Dragon, Rev. 12. 7-12) and also our Harvest fellowship as we praised God for his goodness (Psalm 136. 1-9).



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.

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

The wedding of Max and Mireille – Please keep Max and Mireille in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding this Tuesday, 10th October, at 12 noon.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 11th October, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 11th 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 in Church, Saturday 14th October, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

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

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.

A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 26th October, 10:30am-3pm – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home are offered on a monthly basis. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.

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 Tuesday 5th November, 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 Tim Weeks.



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](#).

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).

CTBS – A reminder that there are lots of events and courses in our churches locally. Visit the [CTBS website](#) or see their [Facebook account](#).

Bahram's Testimony – Bahram Asadi has graciously allowed us to publish his testimony on our Parish Website, so that we might share it with a wider audience. You can read it [here](#).

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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