



# Newsletter and Notices

**8am Holy Communion, in Church**

**10am Service of the Word, 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 as we age**.

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

**A Psalm for today, Psalm 23 Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **[R]**

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **[R]**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **[R]**

*O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. Amen.*



# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

## A Gospel reading for today, Luke 8. 40-42, 49-56

When Jesus returned from the country of the Gerasenes, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

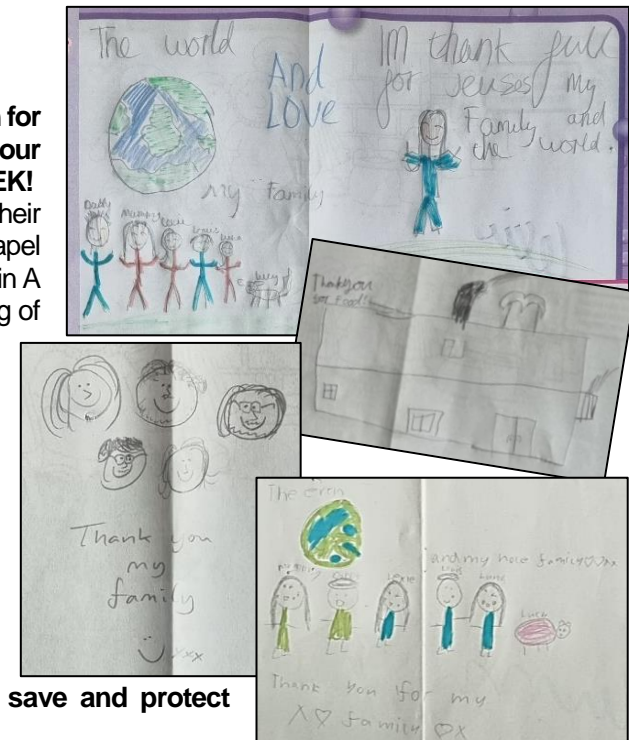
## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Today, we're beginning a series on Moses: learning about Moses as a baby and how we can feel secure because God is able to save and protect (Exodus 2. 1-10).**

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



Pictures from our concluding session on God's plan for Joseph, as we discovered how Joseph helped his family (*Genesis 42. 1-13*) and thought about God being with us and our families in happy and sad times.



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**The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.**

*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.*

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

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October, 9:30am** – All welcome.

**A quiet day at Albury, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> October** – At 10am we celebrate Parish Communion (no service at 8am), then at 6pm we welcome The Rev'd John Chitham, Rector of the Benefice of Standon, the Mundens and Sacombe as preacher at our Choral Evensong.

**Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles.

**TLC Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holly Fair, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October** in the WCC.

**The next St Albans Cursillo Weekend will be from 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at Pleshey.** Cursillo is a movement within the Anglican church which provides a framework for Christians to grow in their faith through prayer, study and action and assists them to share their faith with others. Many members of St Michael's find this helpful, and if you would like to know more, please get in touch with John Emmett (07773 528835).



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**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](mailto: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](#).

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Thank you so much to everyone who gave in kind and with donations to this occasion. We were so blessed with the lovely weather and, all told, Macmillan will benefit from a very gratifying total of just over £600. Jenny Klincke.

**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](mailto: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.

**HT Night Shelter** – We are looking for a Treasurer/Trustee (9 hours p/m). Please contact Tim Weeks if interested: [twinkle21847@gmail.com](mailto:twinkle21847@gmail.com) / 831404 / 07974 866016.

**Greetings Cards for sale** – There is a wide range of cards on display in the Charnley Hall. Rosemary keeps them topped up regularly and they now include good value Christmas cards (raising funds for the work of the Charities Support Group).

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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