



**No Service at 8am**

**10am Parish Communion**

**6pm Choral Evensong**

*Please come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.*

### **Collect for The Last Sunday after Trinity**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 an online life** at 10am, then **Following Jesus as people of Scripture** at 6pm

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

### **A Psalm for today, Psalm 15**

**Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house.**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right;

Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue;

Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour. **[R]**

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,

but who honours those who fear the Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word;

Who does not lend money in hope of gain,

nor takes a bribe against the innocent;

Whoever does these things shall never fall. **[R]**

*Lord, lead us to our heavenly home by single steps of self-restraint and deeds of righteousness; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **A Gospel reading for today, John 1. 1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **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 continuing our series on Moses: finding out about a meal to remember and understanding that**



**we are all part of God's family. (Exodus 11. 1 - 12. 30).**

Last week we watched our Godly Play 'TV'! We learned about how God talked to Moses, finding out that God chooses people to help Him. (Exodus 3. 1 - 4. 20).

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



# 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.*

**Bible Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October** – At 10am this Sunday 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.

**Holly Fair meeting, this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October** – We will be meeting after the 10am service (at about 11:30am) in the WCC. **The Holly Fair is on 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.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 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.**

**Coffee Morning, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-12noon** – All welcome! Fresh coffee / tea and cakes ... plus a cake stall, a raffle and a good as new / unwanted gift stall. Come and join us for a cuppa! Any helpers and cake bakers would be most appreciated. Please contact Gill.

**Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles. If you would like loved ones to be remembered by name, enter their names **CLEARLY IN CAPITALS** in the book by the Lady Chapel entrance and please come to the service if you can. (It will be transmitted by Zoom also).

**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.

**Confirmation at St Michael's, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** – Please pray for the candidates and, if you're able, you'd be very welcome to come and support them at the service.

**Remembrance Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November** – During the 10am Parish Communion service we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. Our Godly Play session will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.



## The Last Sunday after Trinity, Bible Sunday



**St Michael's Recital, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 3pm** – Pavlos and his wife, Marily are excellent musicians and will guide you through a beautiful selection of music by an eclectic mix of composers. You will also get to hear a little of Nathan's tunefulness along the way. As usual, refreshments will be served at the end, so please consider staying for a chat over tea and cake. Entrance and refreshments are free of charge with a retiring collection for those who are able to and would like to make a donation.

**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)

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)).

**Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre** – The work of the Centre is expanding and they are looking to recruit new volunteers. If interested, please contact the co-ordinator ([admin@bsccc.co.uk](mailto:admin@bsccc.co.uk)) or you are very welcome to contact Angela Weeks (831404) for an initial chat.

**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 ([stmichaelsbssdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbssdom@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.

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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