



#### **NO SERVICE AT 8am**

#### **10am Parish Communion for Remembrance Sunday, in Church including Remembrance Ceremonies at the War Memorial in our Churchyard**

We welcome the newly confirmed Kerry Andrews, Jack Brear, Cecilia Calheiros, Eric Calheiros, Will Collins, Catherine Els, James Mannings, Kate Martin, Lucy Martin, Olivia Martin, Tim Needham and Ray Schone. Please pray for those among them who are making their first communion on this Remembrance Sunday.

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

#### **Collect for Remembrance Sunday**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Following Jesus: 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: Politics and life in the State***

#### **A Psalm for today, Psalm 72. 1-4, 12-17**

***Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.***

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. Then shall he judge your people righteously: and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. **[R]**

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,

and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **[R]**

May his name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; may all nations be blest in him and call him blessed. **[R]**

*May your kingdom come, O God, with deliverance for the needy, with peace for the righteous, with overflowing blessing for all nations, with glory, honour and praise for Christ, the only Saviour. Amen.*

#### **A Gospel reading for today, Mark 12. 13 - 17**

Pharisees and some Herodians came to Jesus to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

#### **An anthem for today *So they gave their bodies* (Peter Aston, 1938-2013)**

Text from Pericles' Funeral Oration

*So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth  
and received praise that will never die, and a home in the minds of men.*

*Their story lives on without visible symbol,  
wov'n into the stuff of other mens lives, wov'n into the stuff of other men's lives.*

*So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth and received praise that will never die  
that will never never never die, and received praise that will never die.*

#### **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. **This week our messages come from John 15, Matthew 5, and James 3, as we consider the themes of love and peace.**

**We'll be making poppies so that the children can share in the Remembrance Ceremonies, later in the service.**



Last week we learned about Moses crossing the Red Sea and how God keeps his people safe (Exodus 14. 1 – 31).

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



**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 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.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 15<sup>th</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.**

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Holy Communion at 8am** – Forthcoming services at 8am will be on **Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December, and 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

**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.



**Holly ring making** – We're starting our holly ring making in preparation for the Holly Fair. Mopping up 21<sup>st</sup> November, Ring making 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November from 9am. There are sign-up sheets on the welcome desk or speak with Peter or Claire.

**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, Carole, Claire or Val. Boxes for donations to the Holly Fair will be available from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We are collecting chocolate, unwanted gifts, bottles and items for raffle hampers (list in Publicity Area). If you are able to donate a raffle prize, or obtain one from a local business, these are also welcome (we will advertise list of prize donors). Also please invite your friends and neighbours to the event to help make it a success.

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.

**Travelling Crib** – Once again we are delighted that our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent; **beginning with a blessing at the 10am service on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** Hosting the figures for a night is a wonderful chance to share with children the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Please chat to Katharine if you'd like to know more about it and to sign up for a night.

**TLC Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 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. This month, our speaker is June Milne who is a volunteer for UK-Aid: Felsted Aid for Deprived Children, which supports victims of Chernobyl and the Russian invasion.

**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)

**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.

**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).

**Holy Trinity Night Shelter** is preparing to reopen on 29<sup>th</sup> November, complete with two extra pods, and is seeking volunteers to help in the evenings or overnight this winter. For more information talk to Val Ashwood or see the Night Shelter [website](#).

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