

No Service at 8am
10am Parish Communion
3pm Recital

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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 and shopping***

Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 145. 10-21

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.
All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom, and speak of your mighty power,
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages. **[R]**

The Lord is sure in all his words, and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall, and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand, and fill all things living with plenty. **[R]**

*King of the universe, you show the bright glory of your reign
in acts of mercy and enduring love; raise the spirits of the downcast
and restore those who have fallen away, that we may sing for ever of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 12. 27-34

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! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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. **This week we continue a our series *Good news for Everyone*, as we approach Advent:** How will we demonstrate that the good news is for all people and all nations?

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 (stmichaelsbso@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.



Making Mary and Angel Gabriel for our own puppet theatres last week, as we learned about the good news that God sent his Son, Jesus, to the world.



The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.
An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

St Michael's Recital, this Sunday 26th 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. **Ring making 27th, 28th and 30th November from 9am.** There are sign-up sheets on the welcome desk or speak with Peter or Claire.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 29th November, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 29th 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 2nd December, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Holly Fair, Saturday 2nd December, 10am-1pm – If you can run a stall or help in any other way please give your name to Mireille, Carole, Claire or Val. We're collecting **chocolate, unwanted gifts, bottles and items for raffle hampers** for the Holly Fair (list and boxes for donations in Publicity Area). If you're 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. Please let us know if you have any **holly or mature ivy** for the Holly Rings. We have a few people able to collect the holly and can also direct you to where to leave it this weekend if you are able to cut and transport it yourself.

Finally, please bring **home made cakes** (and other produce including mince pies) for the fair to the WCC from 2-6pm on Friday 1st December, or alternatively between 9 and 9.45am on the day of the fair.

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 next Sunday 3rd 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 sign up for a night, **we still have lots of spaces!**

Holy Communion at 8am – Forthcoming services at 8am will be **Sundays 3rd and 24th December, and 7th January.**

TLC Tuesday 5th 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. Do come along...and tell your friends too! 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.

MU Advent Service, Great St Mary's, 19th December, 2pm – Great St Mary's Mothers' Union branch would like to invite MU members to their service in Sawbridgeworth, followed by light Christmas refreshments in Church House.

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).

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).

Charities Support Group Advent Red Bucket appeal – This year we're supporting two local charities: Care4Calais Stansted and Holy Trinity Winter Night Shelter. Further details about donating by bank transfer can be found [via our website CSG Page](#). Care4Calais Stansted is a group of volunteers who support asylum seekers, accommodated in two hotels in villages close to Bishop's Stortford. 100% of donations received is spent on basic supplies such as clothes, shoes, toys and baby equipment. We support the Holy Trinity shelter every winter and they are open overnight from the end of November. The Shelter are in need of more volunteers including evenings and lunchtimes. Please contact Dave Perry via htnsmanager@outlook.com If you'd like to know more you could also see Val Ashwood, Margaret Fox or Angela Weeks".

Salvation Army's Christmas Toy appeal – The Entertainer toy shop in Jackson Square is again matching in value any toy you purchase from them for the appeal until 30th November. Please [see the poster on our website](#) or in the Publicity Area for more information about donating to the appeal.

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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