



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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 #
Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in (or outside) the WCC after the 10am service.

Collect for The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 128

Refrain: *How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.*

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. **[R]**
- 3 Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine;
your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.
- 4 Thus shall the one be blest who fears the Lord. **[R]**
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you,
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.
- 6 May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel. **[R]**

*O Christ, our true vine,
may we your branches*

be ever fruitful in your service

and share your love and peace with all your children,

in the power of the Spirit and to the glory of the Father. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, John 2. 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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. **We continue our series *Jesus starts work*:** as a new year begins, we can have the expectation that God will meet us and help us, as he equipped Jesus for his ministry. This week we learn about Jesus in the desert (*Matthew 4. 1-11*).



Last week we learned about John baptising Jesus (*Mark 1. 4-11*)

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

We are delighted with 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.



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

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

Holly Fair follow-up meeting this Sunday 21st January, 11:15ish in the WCC – The figures for the Holly Fair are on the CSG board in church but we are having a quick meeting with coffee to feed back any ideas for improvement. We'd like to hear from stallholders and anyone who attended the fair. If you can't be there but have an idea then speak to Val Ashwood, Carole Macdonald, Peter Rixson or Mireille. Thanks again to everyone who supported this year.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 21st to 28th January – There will be a service of Prayer for Christian unity on **Sunday 4th February at 7pm at St James, Thorley**. All are warmly invited.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 24th January, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 24th January, 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 27th January, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Clarinet and Piano Recital, next Sunday 28th January 2024, 3pm – It's with great pleasure that we welcome back Andy Mellor and Angela Novy for a Clarinet and Piano recital. Visit the [Music at St Michael's page](#) on our website for programme notes and more information on other forthcoming concerts.

TLC Tuesday, 6th February in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – 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! Our own James Hellis will be playing the guitar for us.

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.

The next St Albans Cursillo Weekend will be from 16th-18th February, 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)

Food Bank Plea – Increased costs of living continue to hit foodbanks hard. Do consider whether you can donate: details on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

We are collecting used postage stamps for charity – Please cut off your address leaving an inch border of envelope and place in the bucket in the Publicity Area. Any questions to Christine or Samuel Solway.

Holly Rings – If you bought a Holly Ring at the Holly Fair, please could you return just the wire ring and pine cones to be recycled to help save expenses for next time. Thank you.

Travelling Crib sheep – We hope that you and your families enjoyed sharing in the Crib during Advent! If you have held onto your sheep over Christmas, would you be good enough to return it to Katharine (or put it in the porch post box) as soon as possible? Many thanks!

DIGITAL GIVING TO ST MICHAEL'S

We know that fewer people carry cash, and whilst our donations in the collection plates and offertory box are much smaller, the costs of running our parish remain. Please consider using our **Card-Giving facility (contactless or with PIN)** to support St Michael's. **To give by phone**, text STMIC (then a number from 2 to 20, e.g. STMIC7 or STMIC15) to 70085. The most efficient way to give is by **Standing Order** direct from your bank account: please see the Giving Season envelopes from our most recent Stewardship renewal, in the Welcome Area.

Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's at this season.

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