



### NO SERVICE AT 8AM

### 10am Parish Communion, in Church

*Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in (or outside) the WCC after the service.*

We'll celebrate Mothering Sunday at our 10am service this Sunday. Children in our Godly Play session will be helping to finish small gifts of flowers to give to ladies in our church family.

### A Collect for today

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 34. 11-20

**Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

- 11 Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **[R]**
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **[R]**
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them.
- 20 He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken. **[R]**

*Send your holy angels to watch over us, O God,  
that on our lips will be found your truth  
and in our hearts your love;  
so we may ever taste your goodness  
in the land of the living;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### A Gospel reading for today, John 19. 25b - 27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### 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.** We conclude the story of Moses from last Autumn, looking at Moses the Leader. This week we learn about a place to worship God (*Exodus 35. 20-36. 7; 39. 32 - 40. 38*) and we'll be finishing small gifts of flowers to give to ladies in our church family.

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: ([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.



Last week we learned about Moses' shining face after meeting God and shared his wonder and awe. (*Exodus 33. 7-23; 34. 1-9, 29-35*). We then talked about our wonder and awe of God's creation and began making our own flowers, in preparation for Mothering Sunday



# 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.*

**Lent Worship and Prayer** – [See our Lent flyer on our website](#) for information; there are a few copies in the Publicity Area too, along with some prayers and devotions which you might wish to use during this season.

**Lent Reflections, Tuesdays until 19<sup>th</sup> March, 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel** – All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. This year our theme is *Lent Reflections on Everyday Objects*, with a reading, reflection, hymn and prayer. **This Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, we consider 'A Calendar'**. Each session is followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, from 10:45 for 11:15am** – Worship for babies/toddlers, 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 at 11:15am for a short worship.**

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

**Coffee Morning, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

**Recital, next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm** – You are warmly invited to this Voice and Piano Recital, featuring Titika Maragoula and Richard Carr. Free admission, (retiring collection) and tea and cake served afterwards. For some fascinating programme notes, visit the [Music Page](#) on our website.

**Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March** – 10am Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies. 6pm Choral Evensong for the start of Holy Week.

**Readers for Holy Week** – Would you like to read a Bible passage at one of the Holy Week services? Offers sought for: Dramatic Palm Gospel 10am 24<sup>th</sup> March (young people especially welcome); Choral Evensong 6pm 24<sup>th</sup> March; Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30pm 28<sup>th</sup> March; and Good Friday Service of the Word 1:30pm 29<sup>th</sup> March. If interested please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

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.



**Quiet Days in Albury, next on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage, 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Every year hundreds of people from across the diocese and beyond journey together to St Albans Cathedral for an Easter celebration: with picnics on the grass, then an informal service of Holy Communion at 3pm led by Bishop Jane. Visit the [St Albans Diocese website](#) for more information.

**Bereavement Journey Course, Thursdays for 6 weeks from 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12:30pm** – For anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. There is a series of films and discussion groups looking at grief, within a safe space. You are welcome to have a preliminary discussion with a team member: June Knight, Vivienne Emmett, Liz Puller, or email Alison Jordan on [alisonfaith1111@gmail.com](mailto:alisonfaith1111@gmail.com)

**HBW, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Windhill21** – This year's theme is 'There's a world out there' and [registration for children and sign up for volunteers](#) is now available.

**Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group** – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through the Tuesday Lent Lunches this year. We will split the Lent money between **Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre**, a child-focused charity that supports families directly impacted by separation or divorce, and **Embrace the Middle East**, a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. Further information about the charities and details of online donations to CSG can be found on our [website page](#) or ask the Parish Office for a copy.

**Sickness and pastoral need** – If you or someone you know is unwell, and may value prayer and/or pastoral care, perhaps Holy Communion at home if housebound; please email or speak to the Parish Office, or a member of the ministry team. Thank you.

**Sunday/Wednesday Coffees** – Would you like to join the coffee rota for Wednesday or Sundays? Please ask Gill or Claire.

**Small part-time job available** – We are looking for a cleaner for the WCC: 5 hours a week, flexible hours. If you're interested, please contact Gill, Claire, or the Parish Office.

**The Diocese is advertising** for two part time administrators, as well as a Property Director, Further details from [www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/](http://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/)

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