



10am Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies 6pm Choral Evensong for the start of Holy Week

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service

Palm Gospel, Mark 11. 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 88. 1-6

Refrain: *You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.*

- 1 O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you.
- 2 Let my prayer come into your presence; incline your ear to my cry.
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles; my life draws near to the land of death.
- 4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; I am like one that has no strength,
- 5 Lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 Whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. **[R]**

Romans readings for this week:

Palm Sunday, Romans 5. 12-21 The free gift is not like the trespass

Mauddy Thursday, Romans 13. 8-10 You shall love your neighbour as yourself

Good Friday, Romans 3. 21-25 Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood

A Gospel for today, Mark 2. 3-12

Some people came, bringing to Jesus a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic—'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

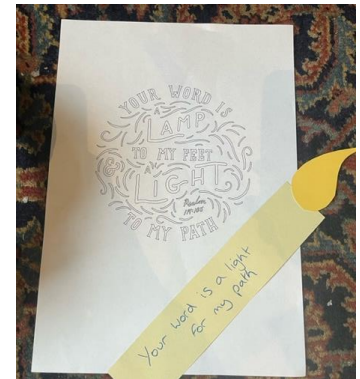
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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 share in Palm Sunday worship and enjoy activities based on Mark's Gospel (*Mark 11. 1-11*).

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 (stmichaelsbdsdom@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 began the theme of Light, considering 'Light to live by' and learning to be eager to explore the Bible and find out what God is saying (Psalm 119. 9 – 16, 105)



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

We offer an opportunity to journey the 'Way of the Cross', with stations for reflection for all ages. Our reflections include a special prayer corner if you'd like to pray, light a candle or write a prayer on a paper cross and hang it by the cross.

Holy Week and Easter Services

This Sunday 24th March is Palm Sunday and we'll celebrate **Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies at 10am** and **Choral Evensong at 6pm** for the start of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday 28th March, 7:30pm - Choral Eucharist then stripping of the altar.

Good Friday Churches Together United Service, URC, 10am, followed by a Walk of Witness through the town to the Methodist Church, in groups, holding palm crosses.

Good Friday Devotions at the Cross, 29th March, 1:30-3pm - A simple service with hymns and music for meditation.

On Easter Day, 31st March, we'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am and 10am, with an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service.

Prayers and devotions for Holy Week – [See our Lent flyer on our website](#); there are a few copies in the Publicity Area too.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 27th March, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 27th March, from 10:45 for 11:15am – Worship for babies/toddlers; with a story, singing and instruments! 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.**

Quiet Days in Albury, this Wednesday 27th March – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Book via June or the Parish Office.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 30th March, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Tower Tours, Monday 1st April at 2pm and 3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. Book at bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07773 572135.

TLC Tuesday, 2nd April in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. Later, 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 coming month Bill Macdonald is our speaker.

Psallite Concert with Richard Carr, Saturday 13th April, 6-7:30pm – Come and enjoy this concert, in memory of Jacqui Goddard, a long-standing member of this congregation, with an especial love for all forms of music at St Michael's. Free Entry, Collection for St Michael's Church. For more information, visit the [Music Page](#) on our website.

Bereavement Journey Course, Thursdays for 6 weeks from 18th 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

Our Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after worship on the morning of 26th May. The Electoral Roll will be revised from 31st March to 28th April. See notices/forms for details. If you can consider offering service as a Parochial Church Council (PCC) member for 2024-27 (5 Monday meetings annually, at 7:45pm), please speak to a Churchwarden, Minister, or current PCC member. Many thanks.

HBW 5th-9th August, Windhill21 – [Register here for children or sign up to volunteer](#)

Lent Red Bucket Appeal – We'll split the Lent money between **Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre**, a child-focused charity supporting 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 noticeboards.

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.

A request for small, wrapped Easter Eggs – We're delighted to be able to offer an Easter Egg hunt for the children and young people of St Michael's after the 10am service on Easter Day. We'd be most grateful for donations of **small (Creme Egg size) individually wrapped Easter Eggs**. Please place them in the box in the Publicity Area, thank you!

In memory or celebration – If you wish to contribute to the purchase of Easter lilies, please give your donation to Claire Conquest and complete a dedication card as soon as possible.

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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