



No Service at 8am

10am Holy Communion, in Church

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

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 103

Refrain: *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

All: *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

All: *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

Romans reading for today:

Romans 8. 1-17 - All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 6. 32-36

Jesus said: If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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 Today, we'll be continuing the theme of Light, talking about Jesus as Light for the World (*John 9. 10-12, 35-38 and 8.12*).

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

Have you enjoyed our choral music this Easter? 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 (stmichaelsbsdom@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 travelled the road to Emmaus (Luke 24. 13-35) and shared stories of Jesus, and Hot Cross Buns: as Jesus shared stories and a meal with the two followers.



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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 17th April, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 17th April, from 10:45 for 11:15am – Worship for babies/toddlers; with a story, singing and instruments 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.

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

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 20th April, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Friday 26th April – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Bishop's Stortford Gospel Choir Concert 4th May 7pm at Holy Trinity – This Spring Concert is to raise money for the Holy Trinity Night Shelter. Tickets are £10 (Concessions £7). Tickets available at ccbs.org.uk

TLC Tuesday, 7th May in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join 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 coming month, Margaret Webb will be our speaker, talking about her work with the charity, Rotary Jaipur Limb.

Annual Meetings – Our Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after worship on the morning of 26th May. **The Electoral Roll will be revised until 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.

The TLC Club invites you to join them on their annual mystery tour on Tuesday 4th June – “We leave Bishop's Stortford just after 1pm, arriving back around 5:30/6pm. Cost is £25 covering travel and cream tea at our destination”. Speak to Rosemary asap or email/call her for more details and to book (r.thomson019@gmail.com / 758389).

HBW, Monday 5th-Friday 9th August, Windhill21 – This year's theme is 'There's a world out there' [Registration for children and volunteer sign up here.](#)

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.

Volunteer Chaplaincy – Are you interested in becoming a chaplaincy volunteer visitor? Princess Alexandra Hospital is planning to run a training course for interested potential new chaplaincy volunteers. The ten-week course will run every Tuesday evening starting on Tuesday 16th April, from 6:30-8:30pm. Email paht.chaplaincy@nhs.net or call 01279 973407/973183 to book your space.

Lent Appeal thanks – Many thanks to the congregation for your very generous donations to the Lent appeal either via the Red Bucket or the Lent lunches. We are delighted to report that the total was £1214 and this will be split between the two charities. These are **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.

Easter Thanks – A belated, but sincere huge thank you for all the varied contributions to worship in Holy Week and on Easter Day. To everyone who contributed to the services, with readings, stirring music, prayers, organisation and hospitality. And for the wonderful flowers and activities with the children. And thanks to everyone who simply came to form the Body of Christ together and praise the Risen Jesus so joyfully! Many thanks everyone, and thanks be to God. Derwyn.

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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