



8am Holy Communion, in Church

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

11:15am BCP Holy Communion, in Church

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 the WCC after the 10am service
Our coffee time will blend into a celebratory Pentecost barbecue lunch, after coffee
and at the conclusion of the BCP service. All are warmly invited!*

Collect for The Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.



We continue our series from Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 15.13-21 *They shall see who have never been told of him*

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 10. 1-5

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"

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 learning about the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2. 1-14, 41, 42*).

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 shared the Ascension Day story (*Acts 1. 1-11*) and made a collage: thanking Jesus that he is alive and that we can talk to him.



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 22nd May, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 22nd May, 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.**

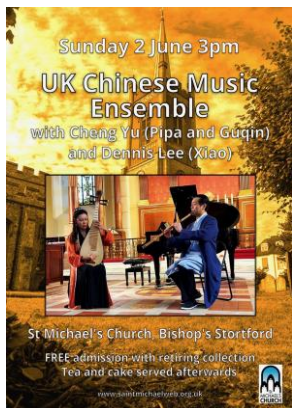
Prayers for our Community, Saturday 25th May, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

APCM, next Sunday 26th May after 10am service – The APCM documentation is now all published on the website from the [PCC page](#). There are a few hard copies of the papers, along with the finance documents available in the Publicity Area. Any other members who are unable to print their own papers, or read them via the website, please contact Katharine Stanley by Monday 20th May. **Please email Graziana Maddalozzo (stmichaelsbtreasurer@gmail.com), our Treasurer, with any queries you have about the finance papers in advance of the APCM. Thank you.**

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 30th May – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Conversation about Children and Young People – We'll be having a gathering in the Lady Chapel immediately after the 10am First Sunday service on **2nd June**, for children, young people and their families. We'd love to hear thoughts about what we're now doing with our younger church members, and how this ministry may develop. Further details and publicity to follow, but please note the date! Thank you.

A recital with UK Chinese Ensemble, Sunday 2nd June, 3pm – We introduce Dennis Lee playing Xiao (a Chinese vertical end-blown flute) with other musicians on Pipa, ('Chinese Lute') and Guqin, ('Chinese Zither'). Free admission with retiring collection and tea and homemade cake served afterwards.



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).

Coffee Morning, Saturday 8th June, 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.

Love Stortford '24, Monday 10th - Saturday 15th June – The Churches Together event is taking place once again. Would you like to join the carnival procession, litter pick, organise a project or deliver gifts to schools? Leaflets are in the Publicity Area.

The Big Sing for Music Sunday, Sunday 16th June at 10am – A special service of the Word for Music Sunday - a hymn sandwich!

Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre AGM, Saturday 22nd June, 2-4pm – All are welcome to this meeting at the Emmaus Centre, St James. Afternoon tea served after the formal business concludes.

HBW, Monday 5th - Friday 9th August, Windhill21 – This year's theme is 'There's a world out there'. We already have over 280 children signed up! Child registration will stay open until 27th May ... but we really need more helpers: please prayerfully consider volunteering. [Child registration 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 or Claire.

St Albans Diocesan Synod Elections – Elections by the Houses of Laity and Clergy in the Deanery Synods for the triennium 2024-2027 will be held between 1st May-15th July 2024 this year. Please see the noticeboard for more information and speak to Derwyn, if you'd value his recollections of serving on the Synod.

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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