

No Service at 8am 10am Parish Communion, in Church.

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

Collect for The Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 130

Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. **[R]**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning,
more than the night watch for the morning. **[R]**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **[R]**

*Father, we commend to your faithful love
those who are crying from the depths;
help them to watch and pray
through their time of darkness,
in sure hope of the dawn of your
forgiveness and redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

An anthem for today, *Ave verum corpus (Mozart)*

Ave, ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

[Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death!]

A Gospel reading for today, Mark 3. 20-35

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When Jesus' family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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 continue our series on Joshua, as we hear how Joshua makes plans, (*Joshua 2*).

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



Last week we heard how Joshua continued Moses' work and received his commission from God, (*Joshua 1. 1-9*). We made colourful bracelets.



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.

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 your own project or deliver gifts to schools? We're especially encouraged to join in the carnival procession on Saturday 15th June (meeting at the Baptist Church at 10:15am before leaving from South Street at 11:30am. T-Shirts still for sale (£8 each). Pick up a leaflet in the Publicity Area.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 12th June, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 12th June, 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 15th June, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

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

Charities Support Group presentation, Sunday 16th June, during coffee after the 10am service – For this term's talk, The Charities Support Group has invited staff from one of our long-standing charity partners, Eden and Nabikabala schools in Uganda, to offer a brief presentation after coffee. Do come along and find out more. We look forward to welcoming Lastone from Uganda. He will give a talk at approximately 11.30 in the WCC after coffee. There will be an update on the primary school we have been supporting and a chance to ask questions.

Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre AGM, Saturday 22nd June, 2-4pm – All are welcome at the Emmaus Centre, St James, including former volunteers and all friends and supporters. Afternoon tea served after the formal business concludes.

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

Christian Aid Week thanks – The final total is up from £151 and is now £262.00 from the Red Buckets, at the BBQ and at coffees. Thank you!

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.

Organ Concert in support of Grove Cottage, Saturday 29th June, 7-8pm – An event sponsored by Daniel Robinsons & Sons in support of Grove Cottage. Jonathan Eyre (Organist, Royal Naval College, and Director of Operations, DRS) wishes to give a recital to support this local charity. Free concert; retiring collection for Grove Cottage. Refreshments served afterwards.

TLC Tuesday, 2nd July 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! Next month, The Vicar will be our speaker, talking about his 30 years in ministry. Derwyn looks forward to presiding at the **10am Holy Communion on 3rd July**, St Thomas' Day, the precise anniversary of his deaconing. He will be delighted, as always, to share in eucharist with all who are able to come. There'll be a special emphasis on praying for vocations of all kinds, in the worship that day.

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! We still need more helpers: please prayerfully consider volunteering. [Registration for children and volunteer sign up here.](#)

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

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Organ Prom

SATURDAY
29th June 2024
7.00 pm

Featuring:
Bach – Cantata 29
Bach – Toccata and Fugue
Sullivan – The Lost Chord
Elgar – Pomp and Circumstance
Widor – Toccata

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