

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am 'The Big Sing' Service of the Word, in Church & <u>Zoom</u>

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

Collect for The Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 92. 1-8

Refrain: You, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord

and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time,

Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, and to the melody of the lyre.

For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts,

and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.

O Lord, how glorious are your works! Your thoughts are very deep. **[R]** The senseless do not know, nor do fools understand,

That though the wicked sprout like grass and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

It is only to be destroyed for ever; but you, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore. [R]

Give us the music of your praise, Lord,

morning, noon and night,

that our lives may be fruitful

and our lips confess you as the true and only God. Amen.

An anthem for today, O taste and see (Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Text, Psalm 34: 8

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A Gospel reading for today, Mark 4. 26-34

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 travelled across the river and that, with God's help, anything is possible. (Joshua 3.1-4.9).



Last week we heard how Joshua made plans and learned that God is able to keep people safe (Joshua 2). We made a space to hide in and children took turns playing characters of Rahab, Joshua's men hiding and the king's men looking for them. We also made puppets enjoyed cutting and sticking on our worksheets.

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> 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 (<u>stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com</u>) 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.



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

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

Charities Support Group presentation, this 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 11:30am in the WCC after coffee. There will be an update on the primary school we have been supporting and a chance to ask questions.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 19th June, 10am - A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 19th 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 22nd June, 9:30am - A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

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.

Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford (CTBS) Forum, 26th June at Methodist Church, 7:45-8pm - The Enabling Group extend a warm invitation to all: "This meeting is open to non-representatives too since we'd like to discuss the way we would like to go forward with CTBS to engage more Church members in its activities."

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.

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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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.

Messe Solennelle, Sunday 14th July, 6pm - All are warmly invited to share in our special Choral Communion service. The liturgy will be the liturgy for thanksgiving for Holy Communion, otherwise known as Corpus Christi.

Classical Guitar Recital, Sunday 28th July, 3pm - We are delighted to welcome renowned classical guitar recitalist and recording artist Mark Jennings to St Michael's. Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes served afterwards.

HBW, Monday 5th - Friday 9th August, Windhill21 - This year's theme is 'There's a world out there'. We really need more helpers: please prayerfully consider volunteering. Registration for children and volunteer sign up here.

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