

Newsletter and Notices

No Service at 8am 10am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism, in Church

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

Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 107. 23-32

Refrain: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.

Those who go down to the sea in ships and ply their trade in great waters, These have seen the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep. For at his word the stormy wind arose and lifted up the waves of the sea. They were carried up to the heavens and down again to the deep; their soul melted away in their peril. They reeled and staggered like a drunkard and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were calmed. Then were they glad because they were at rest,

and he brought them to the haven they desired. [R]

An anthem for today, Walk softly (Bob Chilcott, b. 1955)

When we assemble here to worship God, to sing his praises and to hear his word we will walk softly.

With purity of heart; and with clean hands, our souls are free, we're free from Satan's bands we will walk softly.

While we are passing thro' the sacred door, into the fold where Christ has gone before, we will walk softly.

We'll worship and bow down we will rejoice and when we hear the Shepherd's gentle voice we will walk softly.

Text, early Shaker anthem

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A Gospel reading for today, Mark 4. 35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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 conclude our series on Joshua, as we hear about the walls of Jericho and that God is powerful enough to do anything. (Joshua 6. 1-20).

Last week we heard how Joshua Joshua travelled across the river and that, with God's help, anything is possible. (Joshua 3.1-4.9). We made our own special little boxes, like the ark of the covenant, heard the Bible story and took home our own copies of a psalm (Psalm 77) to remind us that God is great and helps us.

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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 26th June, 10am - A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tinv Tots, Wednesday 26th June, from 10:45 for 11:15am - Worship for babies/toddlers; with a story, singing and instruments too! Rrefreshments, fellowship and a chance for the children to play beforehand; then walk across to the Lady Chapel at 11:15am for a short worship.

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 this 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.

General Election Hustings, Methodist Church, 27th June, 7:30-9:30pm. – As in previous years Churches Together is organising a hustings event. See posters in the Publicity Area. We have been asked to pray that the event will bring honour to God.

Organ Concert in support of Grove Cottage, next 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.



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Preaching and worship on 7th and 21st July will have a stewardship theme -Giving Season literature is in the cross aisle in church. Please pick up a named envelope for yourself and deliver any others if you're able. If there isn't a named envelope, please take one of the Giving Season envelopes in the Publicity Area.

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.



St Michael's craft group have recently completed a labour of love - A guilt had been carefully planned and started by a member of the group called Alison, late wife of Gary, several years ago. The part-made quilt was found by Garv who shared his find with another member of our group who brought it along to see if it could be finished. There followed many hours of dedication, love, care and learning. The completed guilt is large enough to cover a king-size bed and we hope

it will give many years of pleasure to Gary and his family. For more information and pictures, see our website here. The craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon. All welcome!

Details of all services and events are available on the <u>Calendar</u> page on our website. Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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