MICHAEL'S CHURCH

# **Newsletter and Notices**

### 8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am 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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 112

*Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance* Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **[R]** 

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice,

For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;

their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

They have given freely to the poor;

their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. [R]

## Sunday 21st July 2024 Eighth Sunday after Trinity



### A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 6. 1-4

Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

## **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).



Last Sunday we learned how Jesus cured a man of his leprosy (*Mark 1. 40-45*), learning that we can ask Jesus to help us and he will answer.

We also have an older group breakout session most weeks. Today, we continue our series on Jesus the healer, this week we find out how Jesus helped a man, and is Lord over everything (*Mark 3. 1-6*).

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.



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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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.

Giving Season - Please can financial responses be given to the Parish Office or placed in the post box in the corner of the North Porch. Reponses of Time and Talents can be made by signing up on the sheets in the Church Publicity Area or the WCC Charnley Hall. Thank you for responses which have already begun to come in. Any help delivering the last few Giving Sunday envelopes would be much appreciated. If you haven't received a Giving Season letter, please do pick up one of the general 'Giving Season' envelopes and consider its message. Thank you hugely for thinking and praying about all the ways in which we can, together, resource and contribute to our Church. Derwyn.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 24th July, 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.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 25th July -These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am - A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Classical Guitar Recital, next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

Funeral of Jenny Klincke, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – Rob and family would like to invite to the funeral all who knew Jenny, our sister-in-Christ.

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.

Sunday 28 July 3pm Mark lennings Classical Guitar) ael's Church, Bishop's erved afterwards

HBW, Monday 5th - Friday 9th August, Windhill21 - This year's theme is 'There's a world out there'. We still need a few more helpers: please prayerfully consider volunteering. Volunteer sign up here.

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TLC Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. Next month, Andy Gibson is returning with Part Two of his life in the Metropolitan Police. Do come along...and tell your friends too!

The Children's Society Collecting Boxes (2023/4) - Thank you so much to everyone who collects for the Children's Society. Please could you bring your boxes to me in church in **July**, during a Sunday or Wednesday service. can pick up your box if it's easier, but please do not leave any money boxes in church. Many thanks, Carole Macdonald.

Our craft group - We usually meet on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome! We sometimes bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. In the past we have done sewing, knitting, crochet, paper crafts, macramé and book folding. We usually prepare items for sale at the annual St Michael's Church Holly Fair (all proceeds of which go to local, national and international charities).

Holly Fair bulbs in bowls - "I am now thinking of planting up hyacinth bulbs once again and so am asking for bowls from last year or other suitable containers please as this keeps the cost down overall. Many thanks. Rosemary Thomson"

**Diocesan appeal** – The catastrophic winds and torrential rains of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean on 1<sup>st</sup> July have left many without homes, power or necessities. The Bishops of the Diocese of St Albans urge congregations to respond generously to the Hurricane Beryl Disaster Appeal. Your donations will provide crucial aid - shelter, food, medical supplies, and rebuilding materials - to those who have lost everything. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. See the Diocesan website here.

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