



NO SERVICE AT 8am

10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

3pm Mark Jennings, Classical Guitar Recital, in Church

Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes served afterwards.

Collect for The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Gospel reading for today, John 6. 1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 145. 10-19

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power, To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. [R]

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and fill all things living with plenty. [R]

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully. [R]

King of the universe, you show the bright glory of your reign

in acts of mercy and enduring love; raise the spirits of the downcast

and restore those who have fallen away, that we may sing for ever of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 most weeks.** Today, we conclude our series on Jesus the healer, this week hearing about Jairus and his daughter (*Mark 5. 21-43*).

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 Sunday we learned how Jesus is able to know our needs and can help us (*Mark 3. 1-6*), as we heard about the man with the damaged hand. We acted out the story then made prayer hands to keep.



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.

Classical Guitar Recital, this 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. Visit our website's [Music at St Michael's page](#) for a glimpse of the programme and a short biography.



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

Holy Communion, Wednesday 31st July, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 31st 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.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 3rd August, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on Sundays 4th August, then 1st, 15th and 29th September (Michaelmas), and 6th October (Harvest).

HBW, Monday 5th - Friday 9th August, Windhill21 – This year's theme is 'There's a world out there'. Please pray for the children and for all those involved in the event.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 5th August. All welcome! 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).

TLC Tuesday, 6th 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. There's no meeting in September so don't miss out in August...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 this **Sunday 28th or Wednesday 31st July**. I can pick up your box if it's easier, but please do **not** leave any money boxes in church. Many thanks, Carole Macdonald.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 29th August – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Holly Fair preparation meeting, Thursday 12th September, 7:30pm, WCC – This year the **Holly Fair will be 7th December 10am-1pm**, to coincide with the town Christmas Fayre. As well as people who are happy to run stalls, we would welcome anyone to the meetings with ideas on publicity and anyone who would like to take a role in the overall organisation. If you are happy to run your stall but unable to come to the meeting please let us know. Thanks from Val A, Carole M, Mireille B, Claire C and the rest of Charities Support Group.

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 1st 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](#) Since there have been requests for a red bucket, we will have those in services too.

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. Responses 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. 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.

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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