St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

## **Newsletter and Notices**

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Tenth Sunday after Trinity



# 8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom

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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 78.23-29

Refrain: O Lord, how glorious are your works.

God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.

He rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in plenty. [R]

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens

and led out the south wind by his might.

He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust and winged fowl like the sand of the sea.

He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their tents.

So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they desired. [R]

### An anthem for today, Panis Angelicus (César Franck, 1822 - 1890)

This is the penultimate stanza of the hymn *Sacris solemniis* written by St Thomas Aquinas for the feast of Corpus Christi as part of a complete liturgy.

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis Bread of Angels, made the bread of men; The Bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols: A thing wonderful! The Lord becomes our food:

poor, a servant, and humble

#### A Gospel reading for today, John 6. 24-35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 'Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

#### **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



Last Sunday we concluded our series on Jesus the healer, hearing about Jairus and his daughter (Mark 5. 21-43) and our Healing frieze in the Lady Chapel is now complete.

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 begin a short series on God's Champions as we share in the Olympics excitement, and begin the series with a session on Miriam; as she encourages us to celebrate success (Exodus 15. 19-21).

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

### **Parish Register for July**

We remember in our prayers the family of Jenny Klincke,
whose funeral took place last Monday.
We celebrate the marriage of Andrew Spencer-Knight and Jennifer Matthews.



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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.

HBW, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Windhill21 - Please pray for the children and for all those involved in the event. The **Dedication Service for the week is this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 4pm-5pm** at Windhill21 school and the **Open Evening is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 6:30pm** at Windhill21 - come and find out what HBW is all about and the fun week we have all been having.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on this 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).

**TLC this 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. There's no meeting in September so don't miss out in August...and tell your friends too!

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 10am –** A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 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 10<sup>th</sup> August, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 29**th **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.

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

Baptism of Mikey Smith – Heather and Justin warmly invite any members of the congregation who wish to join with them, for Mikey's baptism, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 12:30pm.

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.

Holly Fair preparation meeting, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm, WCC – This year the Holly Fair will be 7<sup>th</sup> 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 CSG.

**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 are providing 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 <a href="here">here</a> Since there have been requests for a red bucket, we will have those in services this Sunday too.

**Our young person's choir -** If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (<a href="mailto:stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com">stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com</a>) 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.

**Fundraising for benches for WCC garden –** Next week, we're backpacking along the South Downs Way, from Winchester to Eastbourne: a distance of over 100 miles and total ascent of 10,500 feet. Usually completed in 9/10 days, we're aiming to finish it in 5 days. We'll certainly be making use of benches along the way and would love to raise money towards (recycled plastic) benches for our WCC Garden. Pledges gratefully received (please sign the sheet in the Publicity Area; donations to PCC labelled 'benches'). Huge thanks, Katharine & David Stanley.

#### **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. 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.

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