



No Service at 8am

10am Holy Communion, in Church

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

Collect for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 34. 9-14

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

I Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing. Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **[R]**

Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **[R]**

Send your holy angels to watch over us, O God, that on our lips will be found your truth and in our hearts your love; so we may ever taste your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

A Gospel reading for today, *John 6. 48-59*

Jesus said, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

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 continue the theme of God's Champions as we share in the forthcoming Paralympics excitement: we learn about John the Baptist (*Luke 3. 1-20*).

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

Our young person's choir - If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmichaelsbdom@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.





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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 21st August, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 21st 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 24th August, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

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.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on Sundays 1st, 15th and 29th September (Michaelmas), and 6th 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 1st September at 12:30pm.**

The Children's Society – Thank you so much to everyone who has handed in their collecting boxes. The total so far is an amazing £712.61. If you still have a box to hand in, please contact Carole Macdonald (07766 029329)

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 2nd September. 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 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 the Charity Support Group.

No TLC in September, next meeting Tuesday 1st October in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests.

Fundraising for (recycled plastic) benches for our WCC garden – We completed our backpacking challenge along the South Downs Way! Winchester to Eastbourne: 106 miles 11,000 feet ascent in 5 days (34 hours hiking and running). Thank you for your many pledges; we certainly have enough for one bench! Already some of you have kindly thrust money in my hands: if you'd like to donate please sign the sheet in the Publicity Area; donations by bank transfer to PCC account referenced 'benches' or please see me. Huge thanks again, Katharine Stanley.

A message from Nathan, our Director of Music – I have a small modern upright piano in good repair urgently looking for a home. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of anyone who might benefit. Also, we shall be having a Choir Open Evening on Friday 6th September as a focus for our ongoing recruitment. All are welcome from age 7 to 107! Please see flyer for more details.

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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