



## 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### A Psalm for today, Psalm 34. 15-22

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

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them

and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **[R]**

Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken.

But evil shall slay the wicked

and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants

and will condemn none who seek refuge in him. **[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.

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.

### A Gospel reading for today, John 6. 56-69

Jesus said, '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. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### 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 Paralympics excitement: we learn about Apollos (*Acts 18. 24-28*).

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





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

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 28<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. **We gather in the WCC and walk to the Lady Chapel at 11:15am for a short worship.**

**Quiet Day, this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August. This will now be at Albury at 10:30am once again** – 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

**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, next **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 12:30pm.**

**Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We usually prepare items for sale at the annual St Michael's Church Holly Fair.

**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.

**St Michael's Bellringers are taking part in Arts in East Herts** – with bellringing demonstrations on **Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September.** Visitors are invited to call in any time between 7.45pm and 9pm. St Michael's parishioners will be particularly welcome if they would like to come up and see what we do.

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.

**Bike 'n Hike 2024, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9am-5pm** – This is the most important fundraising event for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust - ride or walk around churches in the area to raise money for the trust, with 50% to our own church. It would be great to offer a cold drink and a smile to visitors here that day too: so **please sign up if you can help for an hour or two!** Sponsorship packs are also available if you'd like to take an active part.

**Tower Tours, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm to 2:15pm** – £5 for adults, free for children. Book at [bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk](mailto:bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk) or 07773 572135 **Why not combine the visit with our recital ...**

**A Sunday Recital, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 3pm** – At our next recital we welcome Boglárka György and Amy Butler (Violin and Piano). Please visit our [Music at St Michael's page](#) for a glimpse of the programme and a short biography of both artists.

**No TLC in September, next meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm** – Join tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. In October, we'll have a talk about a Punjabi wedding.

**Fundraising for (recycled plastic) benches for our WCC garden** – Thank you for your many pledges; we hope for enough for at least one bench! Already some of you have kindly thrust money in my hands: donations may be given by bank transfer to the PCC account referencing 'benches' or please see me. Huge thanks again, Katharine

**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 6<sup>th</sup> September** as a focus for our ongoing recruitment. All are welcome from age 7 to 107! Please see flyer for more details.

**There are some packets of poppy seeds in memory of Jenny Klincke** – If you would like to take a pack and sow them in her memory, please do so: they are in a basket in the Publicity Area.

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