



### 8am Holy Communion, in Church

**10am Service of the Word: A thanksgiving for healing and wholeness, in Church & [Zoom](#)**

***There will be an opportunity to receive prayer and healing ministry in the Lady Chapel towards the end of the service and after worship.***

**12:30pm Holy Baptism of Mikey Smith, in Church, all welcome!**

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 130**

*Refrain: My soul waits for the Lord.*

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. **[R]**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,

more than the night watch for the morning,

more than the night watch for the morning. **[R]**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him is plenteous redemption: and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **[R]**

*Father, we commend to your faithful love those who are crying from the depths;*

*help them to watch and pray through their time of darkness, in sure hope of the*

*dawn of your forgiveness and redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Parish Register for August**

We remember in our prayers the families of Heather Nicholson and Monica Pearson, whose funerals took place last month.

### **A Gospel reading for today, Mark 1. 21-34**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

### **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 begin a short series from the Old Testament, learning about David, and beginning with David the shepherd boy (1 Samuel 16. 1-13).

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 ([stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.**  
*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.*



# Newsletter and Notices



**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).**

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

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 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 to the Lady Chapel at 11:15am for a short worship.**

**Choir Open Evening, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – A focus for our ongoing recruitment! All are welcome from age 7 to 107! Young people 6-8pm with pizza and games to start; adults 7:30-8:30pm. Please see flyer for more details.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

**The Apostles' Creed – From 8<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> December inclusive** our services will feature hymns, readings, prayers and preaching enabling us to explore articles of the Apostles' Creed. We'll begin with 'I believe in God, the Father Almighty'. Hopefully our worship will take us a bit more deeply into what we believe, why it matters, and how it can shape our lives. The Creed series will be interspersed with our usual Autumn festivals (e.g. Michaelmas and Harvest).

**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.

**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.

**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're in a basket in the Publicity Area.

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.

**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.

**St Michael's Patronal Festival Lunch, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – All are welcome to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC after the 10am service. **Sign up sheets are in the Publicity Area – all are warmly invited!**

**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.

**We are running a Bereavement Journey Course** – It is for anyone bereaved at any time; with films and discussion groups. It will be on Saturday mornings starting 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you are interested and would value a preliminary conversation please contact Alison Jordan. [Alisonfaith1111@gmail.com](mailto:Alisonfaith1111@gmail.com)

**Fundraising for (recycled plastic) benches for our WCC garden** – Thank you for your many donations; so far we have received a fantastic £430 enough for one bench! Any last donations may be given by bank transfer to the PCC account referencing 'benches' or please see me/churchwardens by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Huge thanks again, Katharine

**Paid Opportunity: Clerk to the Governors** – St Michael's School has a vacancy for the Clerk to the Governors (and other roles), supporting governors by preparing for, attending and minuting meetings up to six times per year (equivalent to two hours per week). Please speak to Mark Johnson / Val Ashwood or visit <https://stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk/about-us/job-opportunities/> to find out more.

### Giving Season

Please can **any last financial responses** be given to the Parish Office, or placed in the post box in the corner of the North Porch **by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Any final responses of Time and Talents** can be made by signing up on the sheets in the Church Publicity Area or the WCC Charnley Hall, **also by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

Thank you for responses which have come in and for thinking and praying about all the ways in which we can, together, resource and contribute to our Church. Derwyn.

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