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St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom 11:15am Book of Common Prayer 'Said' Holy Communion, in Church 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

Any donations from the Patronal Festival Lunch will be going to the Portland Child Contact Centre.

Collect for Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 103

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

The merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old and endures for ever on those who fear him,

and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant

and remember his commandments to do them.

All: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom has dominion over all. Bless the Lord, you angels of his,

you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,

in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.



Sunday 29th September 2024 St Michael and All Angels



A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 28. 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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're going to be celebrating the Feast of St Michael with the rest of our church family: we're following the Sunday readings and talking all things angels!



Our <u>Children & Young People</u> 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 (<u>stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com</u>) 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.



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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.

This Sunday is our Patronal Festival when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next this Monday 30th 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.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this 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. In October, we'll have a talk about a Punjabi wedding.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 2nd October, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots: a new way, new day, new time! Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm - Held weekly in the Windhill Churches Centre, Tiny Tots is for parents/carers and babies/preschoolers during term time, plus older children / siblings are very welcome during inset days and school holidays. We start with playtime and tea/coffee, then songs, stories. activities and a prayer. There's easy buggy access and baby change facilities. It is also ok to be late, we understand! It was great last Thursday: we look forward to welcoming you soon!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 5th October, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on Sunday 6th

October (Harvest) and 20th October, 3rd and 17th November and 1st December.

Harvest, Sunday 6th October – We'll celebrate Harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture in Sri Lanka. This year the diocese is partnering with The Leprosy Mission to support the Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) project in Sri Lanka. The country is suffering from a huge economic crisis and families are struggling with soaring prices and shortages of food and fuel. For those affected by leprosy, life is especially hard, with the added burden of being shunned by their community. The Appeal will support a project run by Reverend Joshua, who helps families affected by leprosy to start their own vegetable gardens. We also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.



Meninadança presents Stones & Flowers, Friday 11th October, 7:30pm at the Methodist Church – One of the charities we and CTBS support is offering a powerful dance musical performed by three girls from Meninadanca's Pink Houses in Brazil.

Choral Evensong, Sunday 13th October at 6pm – This lovely service will have a St Luke's tide theme with a focus on healing. Prayers with a laying on of hands for healing will be available at the end of the service.

We are running a Bereavement Journey Course - for anyone who has been bereaved at any time, to explore grief in a safe space. It will be on **Saturdays, starting 19th October**, at June Knight's house. Please do talk to June or Alison, or email alisonfaith1111@gmail.com

Autumn Coffee Morning: Saturday, 19th October at 10am – All welcome! Fresh coffee / tea and cakes ... plus a cake stall, a raffle and a good as new / unwanted gift stall. Come and join us for a cuppa! Any helpers and cake bakers would be most appreciated. Please contact Gill.

A short presentation from the Leprosy Mission, Sunday 20th October – The Charities Support Group has arranged a talk by Matt Henderson, our relatively new area contact, after coffee in the WCC. Please come and find out about this charity we support.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 31st October – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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/aboutus/job-opportunities/ to find out more.

A request for toys for Tiny Tots - We are looking for excellent quality toys for 3-4 year olds, and games for older children for inset days/holidays. Please speak to Heather Tanner.

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.

PRAYER, COUNSEL AND SUPPORT

If parishioners would value the prayers, counsel and support of the church, in time of need for themselves or others on their hearts, please do reach out to the ministry team. Do speak to us in person at church services and events, or use the contact details below. Thank you.

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