



## 8am Holy Communion for Harvest, in Church

## 10am Service of the Word for Harvest, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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

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.



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 #

## A Psalm for today, Psalm 126

### Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. **[R]**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy,

bearing their sheaves with them. **[R]**

Lord, as you send rain and flowers even to the wilderness, renew us by your Holy Spirit, help us to sow good seed in time of adversity and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 6. 25-33

Jesus said, 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

## Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

## 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**



Last Sunday all the church family made an angel with our hands, to celebrate St Michael and All Angels

### Harvest with the rest of our church family: praising God the maker (*Psalm 104*).

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

### Parish Register for September

We welcome Mikey Smith into the fellowship of faith following his Baptism last month.



# 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.*

**Forthcoming 8am services** – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am this **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October (Harvest) then 20<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots: new way, new day, new time! Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm** – Held weekly in the WCC, Tiny Tots is for parents/carers and babies/preschoolers in term time; and 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's also ok to be late, we understand! We look forward to welcoming you soon!

**Meninadaça presents Stones & Flowers, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Meninadaça's Pink Houses in Brazil.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Choral Evensong, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.** 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

**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 19<sup>th</sup> October**, at June Knight's house. Please do talk to June or Alison, or email [alisonfaith1111@gmail.com](mailto:alisonfaith1111@gmail.com)

**Autumn Coffee Morning: Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm** – Join tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. This month we welcome June Milne, past secretary of the historic Dunmow Flitch Trials.

**Quiz Night, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7 for 7:30pm prompt in the WCC** – Tickets are £15 which includes a fish and chip supper (or chicken), a raffle and funds being raised for The Holy Trinity Night Shelter. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tables of 8 as a group or individuals welcomed. Tickets from Angela Weeks, Caroline Galway, Lynn Graseman and Rosemary Thomson as soon as possible.

**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.

**Thank you for your prayers, support and offers of help with Tiny Tots** – "We have relaunched with 8 children plus mums and grandmothers. For the first session Rev'd Derwyn read the story of The Creation. The children enjoyed the story and songs before having fun with the toys. Some didn't want to go home!" Heather.

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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