St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 3rd November 2024 All Saints and All Souls



8am Holy Communion for All Saints, in Church 10am Commemoration All Souls' Service, in Church & Zoom

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

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 #

Collect for All Souls' Day

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 All Saints' Day, Psalm 24. 1-6

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,

the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas

and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,

or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,

a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him,

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

Parish Register for October

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

A reading for today, 1 Peter 1. 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 learn how much God loves us as we share the Psalm 139.

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

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Last week, we thought about God's Word, on a day often celebrated as Bible Sunday, learning about Jesus reading about himself from God's Book, and considering what Jesus expects from us (Isaiah 61. 1-2; Luke 4. 16-21). We made scrolls too!

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

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.



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Details of all services and events are available on the <u>Calendar</u> page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on this Sunday 3rd then 17th November, and 1st December.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, this Sunday 3rd November – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles. There will be an opportunity for prayers for Wholeness and Consolation with laying on of hands after the service.

Holly Fair planning meeting, this Sunday 3rd November, 11:30am – This meeting is for our Holly Fair charities event on Saturday 7th December. It's for stallholders and anyone who would like to help in any way. We'll meet after the service in the WCC (upstairs in WCC3) at around 11:30am. Please see Val, Carole, Claire or Angela if you have queries but can't be at the meeting.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this Tuesday 5th 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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 6th November, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm – Held weekly in the Windhill Churches Centre, 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, and you're welcome to bring a packed lunch if you like. It's also ok to be late, we understand! We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 9th November, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Quiz Night, Saturday 9th 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.

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November – During the 10am Parish Communion service we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. Our Godly Play session will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 11th November. 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.

Our next recital features Natalie Bleicher, Sunday 24th November, 3pm – Natalie is a classical pianist and composer living in Hertfordshire. She has a particular passion for contemporary music and performs new works regularly. She studied music at New College, Oxford and composition at King's College London. We look forward to welcoming her for a recital of exciting and accessible contemporary works.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 28th November – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Message from Company at Christmas – If anyone would like to help on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day there is a meeting at the Methodist Church on 28th November at 7:30pm. Also, if anyone knows a person who would like to join us for Christmas lunch, entertainment and afternoon tea or have a meal delivered to their home please ask them to contact Deb Hunt: 07900 916243 / deb@mrhunt.co.uk.

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 to everyone for your many kind gifts of food at Harvest Festival. The Bishop's Stortford Foodbank is very grateful and it will all be put to good use.

Mary's Meals Foreign Currency Collection – There will be a collection box in church during services for all your foreign currency, no matter how old, obscure or its value. There are also individual envelopes available for you to take home and fill, if you prefer.

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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