



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, 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 #

The Apostles' Creed

Our services until 1st December will feature hymns, readings, prayers and preaching enabling us to explore articles of the Apostles' Creed.

Hopefully our worship will take us a bit more deeply into what we believe, why it matters, and how it can shape our lives.

This week we continue with, 'I believe in Jesus Christ: who shall come to judge the quick and the dead.'

A Psalm for today, Psalm 7, 1-11

Refrain: Give judgement for me according to my righteousness, O Lord.

O Lord my God, in you I take refuge;

save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,

Lest they rend me like a lion and tear me in pieces while there is no one to help me.

O Lord my God, if I have done these things: if there is any wickedness in my hands,

If I have repaid my friend with evil, or plundered my enemy without a cause,

Then let my enemy pursue me and overtake me,

trample my life to the ground, and lay my honour in the dust. **[R]**

Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies.

Awaken, my God, the judgement that you have commanded.

Let the assembly of the peoples gather round you;

be seated high above them: O Lord, judge the nations. **[R]**

Give judgement for me according to my righteousness, O Lord,

and according to the innocence that is in me.

Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous;

for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

God is my shield that is over me; he saves the true of heart.

God is a righteous judge; he is provoked all day long. **[R]**

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 13. 24-30

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Collect for The Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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). **This week we begin a new series as we approach Advent: God is Love.** We take

time to pause and ponder that God loves us so much that he became a human being.

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 (stmichaelsbdom@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 'Remembrance Tree' with poppies on and alongside, made by our young people as part of our Remembrance worship and reflections last week in A Godly Play.



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 17th November and then **1st December**.**

Holy Communion, Wednesday 20th 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 23rd November, 9:30-10am – All welcome.



Our next recital features Natalie Bleicher, next 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. Free admission, retiring collection; tea and cake afterwards.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon, next on Monday 25th 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.

Holly ring making – We're starting our holly ring making in preparation for the Holly Fair. Mossing up from 9am **26th November**, Ring making **2nd, 3rd** and afternoon of **4th December**. Sign-up sheets on the welcome desk or speak with Peter or Claire.

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**.

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.

St Michael's School Christmas Fayre, Saturday 30th November, 12-3pm. We are all invited to come along and support our church school!

Travelling Crib – Once again we are delighted that our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent; **beginning with a blessing at the 10am service on 1st December**. Hosting the figures for a night is a wonderful chance to share with children the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Please chat to Katharine if you'd like to know more about it and to sign up for a night.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 3rd December 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, since she was unable to attend last time, we welcome June Milne, past secretary of the historic Dunmow Flitch Trials.

Christmas flyer distribution – Please help us spread the Christmas message by posting our flyer to homes in Stortford Fields or St Michael's Hurst. They are in bundles at the Cross Aisles in church. Any queries, please speak to Katharine Stanley.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday 22nd December, 6pm – We would welcome volunteers to read at this service, speak to Derwyn if interested.

Holly Fair, Saturday 7th December, 10am-1pm, WCC – We are collecting chocolate, unwanted gifts, children's small toys for a lucky dip, bottles and items for raffle hampers for the Holly Fair (list and boxes for donations in Publicity Area). If you can donate a raffle prize, or obtain one from a local business, these are also welcome (we will advertise a list of prize donors). Nearer the time, if you are a baker, we would welcome cakes and produce e.g. jam, plus home-made mince pies for our mulled wine and mince pie stall. Also please invite your friends and neighbours to the event to help make it a success.

Quiz Night thanks – "Last Saturday's event was much enjoyed by all who came and £720 will be given to The Night Shelter to help over the coming winter. My thanks to Margaret Webb for her superb organising of all the questions and the Solway family for assisting throughout the evening. Rosemary Thomson".

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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