



#### 8am Holy Communion for Candlemas, in Church

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

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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 24. 7-10 Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.' [R]

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.' [R]

*O Lord of hosts, purify our hearts that the King of glory may come in, your Son, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.*

#### Parish Register for December and January

We welcome Maeve Stott-Mullen into the fellowship of faith following her Baptism last week.

We remember in our prayers the families of Brenda Dearman, Margaret Blascos, Ronald Hampton and Anne Sykes, whose funerals took place these last two months.

#### 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.

#### A Gospel reading for today, Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

#### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!**

**Almost every week – this week we all share in Christingle with children from St Michael's!**

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). **Next week we continue our theme *Talking with God*.** We discover that we can always talk with God, (Luke 18. 1-8).

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+ and interested in joining, do contact Nathan Collins ([stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com)) We're also starting choral and organ scholarships.



Last week we learned about the presentation of Jesus at the temple, in preparation for our Christingle service this week at Candlemas (Luke 2. 22-40).



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, then and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Christingle Service with St Michael's School, this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 10am** Please come and share in our worship! This is the one occasion when all members of St Michael's School family are formally invited to join us in worship at church and it would be lovely to see many members of our own church family here to welcome them!

**Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC from 10am to 12noon** – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We next meet tomorrow, **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

**TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm** – Join tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. Bill Macdonald will be our speaker, on a subject of his choice.

**Christian Basics and Confirmation (Adults)** – I've had some interest in a course to explore the fundamentals of the Christian Faith. So there will be sessions on Tuesdays from 7:30-9pm in the WCC, on **February 4, 11 and 25**. Just 3 sessions in the first instance, after which participants will decide if going on to further sessions of Confirmation preparation is right for them at this point. If you'd like to join in please contact the Parish Office, or speak to me to find out more. Thank you, Derwyn.

**Confirmation Preparation (Young People)** – I've had an enquiry about Confirmation preparation for young people, and would like to see if anyone else is interested. If we can gather a group I'd envisage an after-school session on a convenient weekday. If any young people aged 12+ (or soon to turn 12) may be interested in coming along, or want to ask more about Christian nurture and Confirmation, please have a word with me. Thanks, Derwyn.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 10am** – Refreshments after the service.

**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 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!

**Lunchtime Recitals, from this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, then 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30pm** – We are delighted to welcome back students from Bishop's Stortford College to St Michael's for a series of free half hour/forty-minute recitals. Retiring collection.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

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 Bellsingers host the East Anglian 12-bell striking competition, George W Pipe Trophy, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30am-2:30pm** – We're welcoming bands from Norwich, Ipswich, Bury St Edmund's, Saffron Walden, Chelmsford and Waltham Abbey. We're very pleased to be able to also take part now that our bells have been augmented to a ring of 12. The ringing will be streamed via cameras to the church, so please come along and have a listen. St Michael's ringers will be there to tell you more.

**Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

**St Albans Cursillo is part of a movement within the Anglican church which helps to strengthen our faith and witness, as many St Michael's members have found.** Please see the blue leaflets in the Publicity Area for more information. We are holding our **next weekend away at Pleshey Retreat House from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025** and if you are interested, please contact John Emmett ([johnemmett2017@gmail.com](mailto:johnemmett2017@gmail.com)).

**Two early dates for your diary** – Another **Quiz Night, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** raising much needed funds for a Leprosy Mission project. Similar lines to our November event with more details later. Also the TLC Club invites you to join them at their annual **Mystery Tour on Tuesday afternoon 3<sup>rd</sup> June** (booking in April).

**Postage stamps for charity** – Save your used stamps for the bucket in the Publicity Area. Stamps must have a one inch paper envelope border, or they can't be used!

**Mary's Meals** "thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific £239.24 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 12 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all". CSG still have an ongoing collection if anyone still has currency to donate.

**The Charities Support Group is looking for new members** – We'd like to find a Deputy Treasurer and Minutes taker but anyone who is interested in charities and the role of our church in supporting them is welcome. Involvement in the Holly Fair is part of the role, as well as four evening meetings a year when we discuss the distribution of the money to charities. Please see Val Ashwood, Martyn Greenwood, Gary Jones, Angela Weeks or another group member if you are interested.

**Final plea for sheep!** – We hope that you and your families enjoyed sharing the Travelling Crib in Advent! Please return any stray sheep to Katharine (or put in the porch post box).

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