



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am 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 Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 1

Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper. **[R]**
As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **[R]**

*Christ our wisdom, give us delight in your law,
that we may bear fruits of patience and peace in the kingdom of the righteous;
for your mercy's sake. Amen.*

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 6.17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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 conclude our theme *Talking with God*.** We discover ways to pray, learning and practising what is important when we talk and listen to God, (Luke 18. 9-14).

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.





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 16th February**, then 2nd and 16th March.

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 17th February**.

'Miss Pye & Mr Barber', YouTube Live lecture, 18th February, 12:30pm – By historian and Friend of St Michael's, Helen Gibson. Ursula Pye (commemorated in a window in the south porch and a South Mill Arts Museum display) was interested in Dr Johnson and his servant and beneficiary, Francis Barber. Tickets £5, via [the museum website](#).

Holy Communion, Wednesday 19th February, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

Tiny Tots, Thursday 20th February from 12:30-2/2:30pm, Windhill Churches Centre – For parents/carers with their babies/preschoolers **and older children are very welcome during this half term break**. 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!

CTBS Forum, Wednesday 19th February 7.30-9pm, Methodist Church – Churches Together Bishops Stortford offers a warm invitation to all to come to our next Forum at the Oasis Lounge, Methodist Church. Tea, coffee, cake, chat, local knowledge table quiz and action planning ideas. Please join us!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 22nd February, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

The Marriage Course, Charis Centre, from Monday 24th February, 7.30pm Each of seven sessions begins with sharing refreshments as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful video covering topics that are relevant for every couple. No group discussion/requirement to disclose anything to anyone else. Book via the [Charis Centre website](#).

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

Lunchtime Recitals next on Thursday 27th February, then 6th March, 1:30pm – We are delighted to welcome back students from Bishop's Stortford College to St Michael's for a series of half hour/forty-minute recitals. Free admission, retiring collection.

The Harmonaires Choir & Manor Fields Primary School present 'Ahoj! Sing for the Mary Rose', Saturday 1st March, 4pm – The Harmonaires Choir celebrate their 10th birthday year with the help of Manor Fields Primary School and a sea shanty adventure. Tickets £10 (children £5) available via their [website](#) or from Fae Nelson.

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.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 4th March in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. Carol Giffen, from Herts & Essex Boundary Flower Club, will be our speaker next month with her talk, 'The road to Chelsea and beyond'.

Ash Wednesday, 5th March will offer Holy Communion with optional imposition of ashes, at 10am and 7:30 pm. There will be hymns and music at both services.

Holiday Bible Week dates – AGM 6th March, 7:30pm at the Charis Centre; 'HBW Sunday' 9th March, when registration opens for both children and volunteers.

Lent Reflections, Tuesdays from 11th March, 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel – All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. This year our theme is *Lent Reflections on Everyday Objects*, with a reading, reflection, hymn and prayer. We begin on 11th March with 'Spectacles'. Each session will be followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year. [See our Lent flyer on our website](#) for more information; there are a few copies in the Publicity Area too.

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 21st to 23rd March** and if you are interested, please contact John Emmett (johnemmett2017@gmail.com).

Confirmation Preparation (Young People) – 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.

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, foreign currency collection – The Charities Support Group still has an ongoing collection. A further amount can be sent once we have 2kg of currency.

Home Communion Ministry – Thank you to the team who visit with the sacrament on behalf of our Parish. If anybody would like to be considered to join the Home Communion Team (DBS clearance and Safeguarding Training required), please let me know. Derwyn.

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