



### NO SERVICE AT 8AM

### 10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

#### Collect for The Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

#### A Psalm for today, Psalm 65

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid. To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. **[R]** With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might. You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **[R]** You visit the earth and water it you make it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. **[R]**  
*May the richness of your creation, Lord, and the mystery of your providence lead us to that heavenly city where all peoples will bring their wealth, forsake their sins and find their true joy, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### A Gospel reading for today, Luke 8. 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

#### 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, David the King.** We learn about David becoming king; that God is good and to respond to him with thanks. (2 Samuel 5. 4-12; 6. 1-19).

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.

#### 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 on the next page. Thank you.

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.



Last week we concluded our theme, Talking with God. We discovered ways to pray, learning and practising what is important when we talk and listen to God, (Luke 18. 9-14) and made hand puppets to tell the story of 'Mr Proud' and 'Mr Sorry'.



# 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.*

**The Marriage Course, Charis Centre: from tomorrow, 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](#).

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

**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.

**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 next on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, then 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 half hour/forty-minute recitals. Free admission, retiring collection.

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**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.

**Forthcoming 8am services** – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am **next on Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

**TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm at the Charis Centre; 'HBW Sunday' 9<sup>th</sup> March, when registration opens for both children and volunteers.

**Spring Coffee Morning: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** – All welcome! Fresh coffee/tea and cakes ... plus a cake stall, toy stall, raffle and good as new/unwanted gift stall. Come and join us for a cuppa! Any helpers and cake bakers most appreciated (contact Gill).

**Supporting Dalit Children Presentation, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – During our coffee fellowship after the 10am service we are delighted to welcome Dinah Findlay, who will tell us more about the charity she founded, which we are supporting in Lent this year.

**Lent Reflections, Tuesdays from 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March** and if you are interested, please contact John Emmett ([johnemmett2017@gmail.com](mailto:johnemmett2017@gmail.com)).

**Advance Notice** – Just to share a date for a concert in memory of Eileen Bowes to which all are welcome. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Eileen's son Thomas will play music for solo violin by Paganini with narration about the composer's life and music. Might anyone feel able to arrange and serve simple refreshments at the event? Any questions/offers, please speak to Derwyn. Thanks.

**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.

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