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Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & <u>Zoom</u>

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 Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 99

Refrain: Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;

he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; the Lord our God is holy. Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. [**R**]

Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name; they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud:

they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God;

you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences. [R]

Lord God, mighty king, you love justice and establish equity;

may we love justice more than gain and mercy more than power;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Register for February

We remember in our prayers the family of Beryl Thomas, whose funeral took place last month.

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A Gospel reading for today, Luke 9. 28-36 Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him. Peter said to Jesus. 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the

cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found 'Transfiguration' att. Theophanes the Greek; Spaso-Preobrazhensky Cathedral, Pereslavl-Zalessky (15C, Tretyakov Gallery)

alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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 continue our series**, *David the King.* We hear about God's promise to David: that David thanked God for his promise that one of David's family would always be king (2 *Samuel. 7*).

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus. As we approach Lent, there will be lots of activities to help us reflect and learn during this season.

Our young person's choir - If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (<u>stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com</u>) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.



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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 2nd March then 16th March; 6th and 20th April (Easter Day).

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

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this 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.

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 6th March. 1:30pm – We are delighted to welcome back students from Bishop's Stortford College to St Michael's for the final concert in the series of half hour/forty-minute recitals. Free admission, retiring collection.

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.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 8th March, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

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

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

Thanksgiving Service for Graham Savage, Monday 10th March, 1:30pm – The family have asked us to say that all are warmly invited to attend both the service and refreshments afterwards.

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.

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.

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Note for your diary – On Sunday 16th March at 11:15am we will celebrate Holy Communion and Litany, using the Book of Common Prayer.

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

Dates for your diary – Another Quiz Night, on Saturday 3rd 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 3rd June (booking in April). Please also note that the concert by Thomas Bowes (28th June) has been postponed, due to Tom's work commitments.

Confirmation Preparation (Young People) – If we can gather a group I'd envisage an afterschool 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 has an ongoing collection. We've just earned £89.25 for Mary's Meals for the latest batch of foreign currency: thank you! Further amounts 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.

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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