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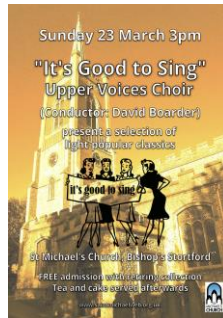
10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

3pm 'It's Good to Sing'

Upper Voices Choir (with David Boarder)

Free admission (retiring collection), tea and homemade cakes after



Collect for The Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

From Ash Wednesday we are using Psalm 1 as a Lenten 'Anchor' psalm for the season.

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.

All: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

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.

All: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

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 contact details on the next page. Thank you.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

An anthem for today, 'From the Rising of the Sun'

(Frederick Ouseley, 1825-89) Text: Malachi 1. 11

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place, incense shall be offered up unto my name: thus saith the Lord.

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, Jesus promises.** We begin with 'Asking Jesus', remembering to trust Jesus (John 14. 13, 14).

Last week we concluded our series, *David the King*. We learned that, even when God's friends do something wrong, God loves them and wants to forgive them (2 Samuel 11.1 – 12.15). We made little books about the story to remind us of the message.

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Lent and Easter.

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

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.
An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

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



Newsletter and Notices



Lent Reflections, Tuesdays from 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. 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.

Mothers' Union Lady Day service, Tuesday 25th March – This service will be at 2pm at Hoddesdon Parish Church. Transport to be arranged. If you would like to attend please contact Barbara Eldridge asap (653753 / barbaraheleneldridge@gmail.com)

Holy Communion, Wednesday 26th March, 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 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!

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

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 29th March, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Fabric and grounds working party session, next Saturday 29th March, from 10am – All are welcome to help until noon, or whatever time you have available. Please meet in the south porch. We shall be looking at what we can do to keep the church in good repair, and the grounds tidy in the warmer season. Refreshments afterwards.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 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 31st March**.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 1st April in the WCC, 2:15pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. Martin Pettitt will be our speaker next month with his talk, 'The French Peasant and the Welsh Princess'.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Sunday 6th and 20th April (Easter Day)**.

Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – 6th April, 6pm: Choral Evensong for Passion Sunday; 18th May, 11:15am: Eastertide Prayer Book Communion; 29th May, 7:30pm: Ascension Day Sung Prayer Book Communion; 22nd June 6pm: Choral Evensong for St Alban's Day.

Quiz Night, 3rd May, 7pm in the WCC, for a prompt 7:30pm start – We're raising funds for a Leprosy Mission, as there is urgent need for further help. Tickets are £15 each, including a fish/chicken and chip supper. There will be a raffle too! Please see Rosemary asap for details/tickets, after Sunday and Wednesday services. We can accommodate individuals or tables of 8.

APCM, 25th May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll is due to be renewed this year starting on 31st March and ending on 28th April, if you'd like to join our electoral roll and/or nominate for PCC election. **The old Roll will be discarded and everyone who wishes to be on the new Roll will need to fill in an application form.**

HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4th - Friday 8th August – Registration now open for both children and volunteers for this year's event.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through the Tuesday Lent Lunches this year. We will split the Lent money between **Supporting Dalit Children** and **Holy Trinity Night Shelter**. Further information about the charities and details of online donations to CSG can be found on our [website page](#) or ask the Parish Office for a copy.

We have an opportunity for a Governor at our Church School! Would you be interested or do you know somebody who might be? Please contact Mark Johnson for information (chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk) or speak to Val Ashwood or the Vicar.

Are you interested in joining a home group? Perhaps you'd like to find out about what they can offer? Contact Derwyn in the first instance if you'd like to know more.

Archivist – We are looking for someone to take on the church archiving. It is an interesting, important and creative role, which you can make your own, and do in your own time. Please see Gill for details.

Consultation shaping the Statement of Needs for the next Bishop of St Albans – The diocese is keen to hear from people, please respond online [here](#) asap; it will guide the discernment process. Contact the Parish Office if you'd like to print/post the form.

Easter flyer distribution – Please help us spread the Easter 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.

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