



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 of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 150

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

1 Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness; ♦
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; ♦
praise him according to his excellent greatness.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; ♦
praise him upon the harp and lyre.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dances; ♦
praise him upon the strings and pipe.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

5 Praise him with ringing cymbals; ♦
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath ♦ praise the Lord. Alleluia.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

*God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, John 20. 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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).

For these next few weeks our focus remains with Easter. This week we learn about Jesus meeting his friends, (Luke 24. 36-49)

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Eastertide (including a Lectio Divina each week for young people this Easter season). **We also continue to have children's activities and reflections in the Lady Chapel for a while.**

Have you enjoyed our choral music this Easter? 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.





St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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.

Easter Reflection

If you haven't already had the opportunity, do take some time to visit the church and enjoy our beautiful floral arrangements, Easter displays and prayers.



Holy Communion, Wednesday 30th April, 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! **This Thursday we might be upstairs due to the Polling Station being in the Charnley Hall.**

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 3rd May, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Sunday 4th May**, then 25th May, 1st and 15th June, 6th and 20th July, 3rd and 31st August.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 6th May in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. Next month, Roy Edwards will be talking to us about First Aid in the Home: 'Something is better than nothing'.

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 on **Monday 12th May.**

Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – 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.

Holy Trinity Night Shelter Presentation, Sunday 18th May – During our coffee fellowship after the 10am service we are delighted to welcome Dave Perry, who will tell us more about the work of the Night Shelter and community outreach locally.

Tower Tours, Sunday 18th May, 1:30-3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. Book at bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07773 572135.

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.

Sunday 27th April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter



APCM, 25th May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll is due to be renewed this year starting on 31st March and ending **tomorrow, 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 must fill in an application form**, available in church (or via the newsletter and notices page on the website, then print it or email it to Katharine).

TLC Club invites you to join them on their annual Mystery Outing on Tuesday afternoon 3rd June. The cost is £30 which covers coach travel and savoury/sweet scone cream tea at our destination. The pick up point is the back of Sainsburys Thorley at 1pm and then Windhill at 1:15pm. I should mention that, once we arrive, there is a short walk from the coach and so do bear this in mind when booking: bring your stick or scooter! This is always a lovely event and so do see me asap for a ticket. Rosemary Thomson.

HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4th - Friday 8th August – Registration now open for both children and volunteers for this year's event; sign up via the [HBW website](#).

Postage stamps and foreign currency collections 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! The Charities Support Group has an ongoing collection of currency for Mary's Meals. A further amount can be sent once we have 2kg of currency.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal thanks from the Charities Support Group – Many thanks to the congregation for your generous donations through both our Appeal and our Lent Lunches. We are delighted to report that the total was £787 and this was split equally between the two charities Supporting Dalit Children and Holy Trinity Night Shelter.

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.

Felsted Aid for Ukraine – The TLC Club have continued to support the charity following a splendid talk a few months ago and would welcome almost anything that can be sent to help the refugees there. Particularly, they have asked for medical aids, where our NHS do not accept returns (crutches, wheelchairs, support boots etc.) I am more than happy to accept these to forward to the store in Harlow and so speak to me soon. Many thanks Rosemary Thomson (758389 / r.thomson019@gmail.com)

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