



Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church
10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom
including Admission of Choristers to the Choir

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

A Gospel reading for today, John 21. 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'



Sunday 4th May 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 150

Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

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

Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness. **[R]**

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

Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe. **[R]**

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

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia. **[R]**

*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.*

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 a journey to Emmaus, (Luke 24. 13. 35).



Last week we found out how Jesus' friends knew he was alive, and how we can know it too, (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 (stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.

Parish Register for April

We remember in our prayers the families of Dick Prime and Ian Prior, whose funerals took place last month.

We also remember the family of Helen Britton, Anne Sykes and Janet Bywater, whose ashes were interred last month.



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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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 next **this Sunday 4th May**, then 25th May, 1st and 15th June, 6th and 20th July, 3rd and 31st August.

All are invited to support our young choristers who will be formally admitted to the choir this coming Sunday 4th May – It's been a number of years since we have had children admitted to the choir which was like many, particularly affected by the recent global pandemic. It promises to be a special occasion with as always, beautiful music to the Lord! To add to the fun, the choir will be visiting **Ely Cathedral to sing Choral Evensong on Monday 5th May at 5:30pm**. If you'd like to come and have spare places in your car then please contact Nathan (stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com), likewise if you are looking for a lift!

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this Tuesday 6th May in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. This month, we are delighted to welcome back Martin Pettitt for a talk on 'AI'.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 7th May, 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!

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

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.

Recital with Netty Rhodes and Paul Burrell, Sunday 18th May, 3pm – All are warmly invited to our next recital, featuring recorder and piano, including music by Barsanti, Burrell and Linde. Free admission (retiring collection), tea and homemade cakes after.



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Annual Meetings – Our Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after worship on the **morning of 25th May**. Over the coming weeks the APCM documentation will be published on the website from the [PCC page](#).

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 29th May – Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

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](#).

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)

Christian Basics – I've had a couple of expressions of interest in a group to think about the basics of the Christian Faith. This could lead on to preparation for baptism and confirmation. I'd like to run 4 1-hour sessions using the 3-2-1 course in the first instance. This could be on Saturday mornings and/or a weekday evening, depending on availability. If you might be interested, or like to know more, do have a word, or email me at stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com Thanks, Derwyn.

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.

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 below.

Thank you.

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