



Newsletter and Notices

(NO SERVICE AT 8AM)

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#)

11:15am Eastertide Prayer Book Communion, in Church

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.

During our coffee fellowship, we are delighted to welcome Dave Perry, who will tell us more about the work of the Holy Trinity Night Shelter and their community outreach locally.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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.

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Sunday 18th May 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



A Gospel reading for today, John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 on Peter, friend of Jesus;** hearing how Peter let Jesus down, and discovering that being a friend of Jesus is not always easy (Mark 14. 27-31).



Last week we began our series on Peter by finding out that Peter knows who Jesus is, and so can we (Mark 8. 27-30). We made hand puppets too!



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).

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.

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 on the next page. Thank you.

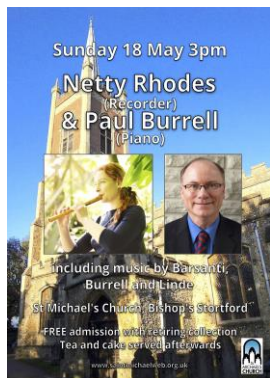


St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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

Holy Trinity Night Shelter Presentation, this 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, this 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, this Sunday 18th May, 3pm – All are warmly invited to our recital, featuring recorder and piano, including music by Barsanti, Burrell and Linde. Please visit our [Music at St Michael's website page](#) for programme notes and biographies (along with details of all forthcoming recitals). Free admission (retiring collection), tea and homemade cakes after.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 21st 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 24th May, 9:30-10am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

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

Annual Meetings – Our Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after worship **next Sunday 25th May**. The APCM documentation is all available to read on the website from the [PCC page](#). There are a few hard copies in the Publicity Area in church, for those without access to the internet.

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.

There won't be a TLC session in the WCC on Tuesday 3rd June – A reminder that on Tuesday 3rd June, our TLC regulars are enjoying a trip out for a cream tea at a surprise venue. We'll be back on 1st July.

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Pentecost Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 7th June 10am-12noon, St Barnabas Centre, Thorley – Find out what local churches, charities, Christian and non-Christian groups are doing in our community. Drop by anytime from 10am for tea, coffee, pastries, information, prayer stations and friendship. We'll finish with a short time of worship at 11:30am.

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 9th June**.

HBW coffee morning, 14th June, 10am-12noon Methodist Church – Come along for refreshments, fellowship and a *Puppets Galore* performance at around 11am.

Love Stortford '25, Monday 16th – Saturday 21st June – The Churches Together event is taking place once again. Would you like to join the carnival procession (we have 3000 gifts to give!), litter pick or organise your own project? Leaflets are in the Publicity Area.

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](#). We have had over 300 children signing up and lots of helpers but we still need more. See the church noticeboard for specific requests.

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)

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.

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