



# Newsletter and Notices

**8am Holy Communion, in Church**

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

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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.*

## 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.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



## A Gospel reading for today, John 17. 20-end

Jesus said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

## 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, having celebrated Ascension Day last Thursday, we find out about Jesus going to heaven (Acts 1. 6-11).**



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 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 ( [stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com) ) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.



Last week we concluded our series, *Peter, friend of Jesus*; hearing the story of Peter's miraculous catch of fish and learning how Peter and Jesus are still friends (Mark 16. 1-8; John 21. 15-19).

## Parish Register for May

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

We also remember the families of Dick Prime and Graham Savage, 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 1<sup>st</sup> June**, then 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 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 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

**Pentecost Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Pentecost BBQ, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – All are warmly invited to join us after our 10am service. Sign up in the Publicity Area to give us an idea of numbers. Donations of salads/puds warmly welcomed!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

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

**Love Stortford '25, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Gt St Mary's Mothers' Union Tea, Church House, Sawbridgeworth, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm** – Tickets £3, including scones with cream and jam, and cake. Raffle, bookstall etc. RSVP by 12<sup>th</sup> June to Rosemary Penketh (01279 600254).

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**Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

**Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 6pm:** Choral Evensong for St Alban's Day.

**HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Postage stamps and foreign currency collections for charity** – Save your used stamps for the bucket in the Publicity Area. The Charities Support Group has an ongoing collection of currency for Mary's Meals.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com) Thanks, Derwyn.

**Christian Aid Week** – Our red bucket appeal raised £135. Thank you very much to everyone who donated to Christian Aid in church, on line or by phone. Your generosity will help in the fight against poverty and injustice.

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.

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