

NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion, in Church

Music Setting and Sung Responses If you're not familiar with the Noel Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist setting, you might be interested in [this link](#) to a stream of a local church service (timings for each item are on our [website's Choir](#) page).

*Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service
Our coffee time will blend into a celebratory Pentecost barbecue lunch.
All are warmly invited!*

Collect for The Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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.



A Gospel reading for today, John 14. 8-17, 25-27

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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).

Today, we'll be learning about the Day of Pentecost and Jesus' promise (John 16. 5-7; Acts 2. 1-12).



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, which concludes this final Sunday of our 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) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.



Last week, after Ascension Day, we learned about Jesus going to heaven (Acts 1. 6-11) and made this wonderful collage.



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.

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 this **Monday 9th June**.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 11th June, 10am – Refreshments after, 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 14th June, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

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

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

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.

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

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

Everyone is invited to walk with the Churches Together float in this year's carnival procession on **Saturday 21st June**. Join with Christians from all the churches to hand out 3000 small gifts to the crowds. The more people we have, the better we can demonstrate our unity in Christ. 10:30am at the Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road to join the procession which starts at 11:15am. Wear your Love Stortford T-shirt if you have one, or if you don't, come as you are.

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

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 8th June 2025
Pentecost



1995-2025 – A couple of anniversary dates are approaching for me, and the quirks of the calendar mean I'm leading Holy Communion on both of them. 25th June is the 30th anniversary of my priesting, and we'll pray for vocations to ministry, and those approaching ordination, at the 10 am Service that day. St Peter's Day, 29th June, marks 30 years since the day I first presided at the Eucharist, and we'll mark St Peter's Festival this year too. As on every Wednesday and Sunday all who'd like to gather at the Lord's Table to hear his Word and seek his grace are most welcome to come together to do so! Derwyn.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 1st July in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. In July, Maggie Groves, a member, will speak to us with her talk entitled "Change of Direction".

Summer Coffee Morning: Saturday, 5th July at 10am – All welcome! Fresh coffee/tea and cakes ... plus a cake stall, toy stall, jigsaws, raffle and good as new/unwanted gift stall. Come and join us for a cuppa! Any helpers and cake bakers most appreciated (please contact Gill).

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.

Electoral Roll – We think a number of regular worshippers may have missed the Electoral Roll renewal, which was started again from scratch this April. Applications can be received at any time, and application forms are available in the Publicity Area.

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.

Thank you all for your support, love and prayers for Tiny Tots – During half term, we welcomed 17 babies, toddlers and older children plus parents/carers/grandparents to the session. This is the busiest session yet! Thank you again, Shell and Heather.

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