



Newsletter and Notices

NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion for the Feast of St Peter

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

Collect for St Peter, Apostle

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Epistle for today, 1 Peter 2.19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 16.13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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A Psalm for today, Psalm 125

Refrain: Glorious things are spoken of you, Zion, city of our God.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart.

Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;
but let there be peace upon Israel. **[R]**

*God of power, you are strong to save and you never fail those who trust in you;
keep us under your protection and spread abroad your reign of peace 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). **Today, we'll be starting a new series, Good News, and learning about Stephen being chosen, (Acts 6. 1-7).**

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

Our young person's choir - If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmicroelsbdsdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.

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.



Last week, we learned about how God's love goes on and on (Psalm 136. 1-9). The children made up actions for all the words. They made a living picture of God's beautiful creation- working collaboratively and kindly with each other. What a joyful time!



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.

St Peter's Day, this Sunday 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 this Tuesday 1st July in the WCC, 2:15pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. This month, Maggie Groves, a member, will speak to us with her talk entitled "Change of Direction".

Holy Communion, Wednesday 2nd July, 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 5th July, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

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).

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

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 7th July.**

Renewal of Vows, Saturday 12th July, 2pm – Shell and Rob Langston are delighted to be renewing their wedding vows, after a quiet wedding during the Covid pandemic. They would like to invite their St Michael's friends to join them for this wonderful service. Please add your name to the sheet in the Publicity Area by 6th July if you'd like to come.

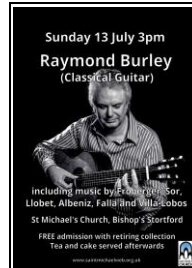
Tower Tours, Sunday 13th July, 1-3pm (last entry 2:30pm)
Adults £5, children free. Contact 07773 572135 / bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk for more information.



St Michael's Church
Windhill, Bishop's Stortford
Tower Open
Sunday 13th July 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Booking not required
Last entry 2.30pm
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Children free
Roof level accessible
for 8 years old +
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Recital with Raymond Burley, Sunday 13th July, 3pm – All are warmly invited to our next recital, featuring classical guitar. Please visit our [Music at St Michael's website page](#) for a biography on Raymond (along with details of all forthcoming recitals). Free admission (retiring collection), tea and homemade cakes afterwards.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 31st July – Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4th - Friday 8th August – Registration is 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. 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.

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.

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of some settings available for worshippers. We'll sing the Thorne setting **this Sunday 29th June**, and the Salisbury setting by Ives on **13th and 27th July**. If you'd be helped by having some music to sing to for these, do ask for a score when you pick up your service books. Thank you.

The Children's Society – Thank you to everyone who has a Children's Society collecting box. Please could you hand it in to me for counting and banking. I can pick them up if necessary. Carole Macdonald.

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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