



NO SERVICE AT 8am

10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

Collect for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 33. 12-22

Refrain: *The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.*

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord and the people he has chosen for his own. [R]

The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of earth.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. [R]

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,

on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

To deliver their soul from death and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; in his holy name have we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on you. [R]

Feed your people, Lord, with your holy word

and free us from the emptiness of our wrongful desires,

that we may sing the new song of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An anthem for today: Listen sweet dove (Grayston Ives b. 1948)

Words, George Herbert (1593–1633), from a longer poem, 'Whitsunday'

Listen sweet dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me;

hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow the earth did like a heav'n appeare,

the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night,

when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light:

restore this day for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

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

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



A Gospel reading for today, Luke 12. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 continue our series on Daniel and Esther, hearing how Daniel prays to God (Daniel 6).

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 (stmichaelsbdsdom@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 on next page. Thank you.



Last week we heard about Daniel's new life (*Daniel 1*), discovering how God will help us to choose what is right. We made plates of food to help us remember the story.



Newsletter and Notices

Holy Communion, Wednesday 13th August, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2:30pm, WCC, although we're not meeting this Thursday, 14th August – For parents/carers and babies/preschoolers in term time; plus older children in the holidays. Playtime, tea/coffee, songs, stories, activities and a prayer. Buggy access and baby change available, and you're welcome to bring a packed lunch if you like. It's also ok to be late, we understand! Thank you all for your continued support of Tiny Tots. **In these school holidays we again welcome older siblings to the group.** If anyone has any puzzles with larger pieces, or games that don't have small parts, such as Buckaroo, draughts, chess and are looking to give them a new home please think of Tiny Tots. We would really appreciate them to keep the slightly older children busy. Thank you so much, Shell and Heather.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 16th August, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 28th August – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Sunday 31st August.**

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 2nd September in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm At our last TLC meeting in August, as our fundraising month we made £400 to send to Breast Cancer Now, which was wonderful. Thank you to all who supported us. Our speaker in September will be Dave Perry from The Night Shelter. If you have something you could share with us one month I am looking for talks of 30/45 minutes for 2026. Speak to me soon? Rosemary Thomson.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon – All welcome! We're taking a short summer break and next meet on **Monday 8th September.**

The first meeting to start planning the Holly Fair (6th December 10am) this year is Thursday 11th September at 8pm in WCC. Please come along whether you're new or a regular. We raise money for the charities supported by our Charities Support Group. If you can help but are unable to be at the meeting please let one of the CSG know (e.g. Claire, Carole, Val, Martyn).

New PCC Governor for St Michael's School – Would you like to be a school governor? It's a rewarding and important role in a friendly team and we currently have one vacancy for September. There are 7 foundation governors appointed by the PCC at church or St Albans diocese to uphold the Christian ethos of the school as well as taking other responsibilities. See Mark Johnson (chair) or Val Ashwood or email chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk



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Clerk for St Michael's School Governors – This is a paid role and involves taking minutes for the 5 Full Governor meetings as well as doing the paperwork for new governor appointments, learning about governance and working with the chair and other governors. See Mark Johnson (Chair) or Val Ashwood or find the full job description and how to apply on the school website job opportunities page [here](#).

Bike 'n Hike 2025, Saturday 13th September 9am-5pm – This is the most important fundraising event for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust - ride or walk around churches in the area to raise money for the trust, with 50% to our own church. It would be great to offer a cold drink and a smile to visitors here that day too: so please sign up if you can help for an hour (or perhaps more!). Sponsorship packs are also available if you'd like to take an active part.

Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – Sunday 14th September, 6pm: Choral Evensong for Holy Cross Day; **Sunday 26th October, 10am:** BCP Choral Eucharist for Bible/Reformation Sunday.

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.

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.

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of some settings available for worshippers. If you'd be helped by having some music for these, do ask for a score when you arrive.

Giving Season – Please place responses in the post box in the corner of the North Porch. Thank you for those which have already begun to come in. If you haven't yet received a Giving Season envelope, please take one from the Publicity Area.

Is there anyone who would like to take over the very rewarding task of cleaning the church silver? Fae has been working with the silver, quietly and conscientiously for many years and a successor is required. Please speak to Peter if interested.

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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