



# Newsletter and Notices

## NO SERVICE AT 8am

### 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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 82

**Refrain: Arise, O God, and judge the earth.**

1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;  
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

2 'How long will you judge unjustly  
and show such favour to the wicked?

3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;  
defend the right of the humble and needy;

4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **[R]**

5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;  
they walk on still in darkness:

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods  
and all of you children of the Most High,

7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals  
and fall like one of their princes.'

8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,  
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession. **[R]**

*God our deliverer, when the foundations are shaken and justice has departed,  
defend the poor and needy and give your people strength to fight all wrong  
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

## A Gospel reading for today, Luke 12. 49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

## 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, learning about 'Beautiful Esther' (Esther 1-4).**

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](mailto: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.

**The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.**  
*An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.*



Last week we heard about how Daniel prayed to God (*Daniel 6*), learning that we can talk to God in any situation. We acted out the story and made lion facemasks to remind us.



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

# Newsletter and Notices

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm, WCC** – 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.**

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

**TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We're taking a short summer break and next meet on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

**The first meeting to start planning the Holly Fair (6<sup>th</sup> December 10am) this year is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk)

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 17<sup>th</sup> August  
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm:** Choral Evensong for Holy Cross Day; **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10am:** BCP Choral Eucharist for Bible/Reformation Sunday.

**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.

**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.

**The Children's Society** – Well done to everyone who has been collecting this year. We raised **£563.51!** A great total for this very good cause. Thank you all so much.

**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.

The Rev'd Derwyn Williams (Vicar)	899261	Churchwarden: Claire Conquest	07944 431873
The Rev'd Derek Hinge (PTO)	652173		
The Rev'd June Knight (PTO)	07539 058946	Deputy Churchwardens: T Pigram, P Rixson	
<b>Parish Office</b>	<b>01279 654416</b>	Parish Safeguarding Officer: Dotun Akinde	
		safeguarding@saintmichaelweb.org.uk / 07921 860862	

Vicar's Email: [stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com)

Charity Registration No. 1130646

Email: [church@saintmichaelweb.org.uk](mailto:church@saintmichaelweb.org.uk)

Website: [www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)



Scan code for website