



Newsletter and Notices

**No Service at 8am
10am Holy Communion**

6pm Choral Evensong for Holy Cross Day

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

Collect for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 51. 1-11

Refrain: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. [R]
I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. [R]
Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. [R]

Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us; give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises and restore by grace your own image within us, that we may take our place among your people; in 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 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.



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A Gospel reading for today, Luke 15. 1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

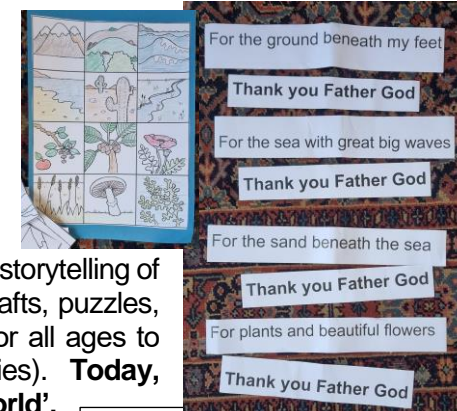
Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

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 the series 'God made the world', discovering how God made the stars and planets (Genesis 1. 14-19).**

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.

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.



Last week we heard about how God made the land, sea and plants (Genesis 1. 9-13). As part of our worship we built on our Creation Prayer from last week.



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

Holy Communion, Wednesday 17th September, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

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.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 20th September, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Bishop's Stortford History Society's 70th Anniversary Celebration 'History Day', next Saturday 20th September, 11am-3pm, Windhill Churches Centre – Q&A Panel, children's activities, talks, stands, book stall and much more. St Michael's Bellringers will be present until 2pm to talk about the history of ringing in St Michael's.

Tower Tours, next Saturday 20th September, 2-4pm (last entry 3:30pm) Adults £5, children free. More information: 07773 572135 / bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Sunday 21st September, then 5th and 19th October.**

Organ Recital with Richard Carr, next Sunday 21st September, 3pm – All are warmly invited to this next recital. Richard will play a rich selection of organ music by Bach, Finzi, Holst, Rawsthorne, Vaughan-Williams and Walton. The organ console will be visible to the audience via screen projection. The recital will last approximately 45 minutes. Afterwards, there will also be an opportunity to play our wonderful instrument, regardless of musical experience or ability, as part of the RCO ['Play the Organ Year 2025'](#) initiative. All ages welcome! Free admission (retiring collection), tea and homemade cakes afterwards. Please visit our [Music at St Michael's website page](#) for more details of this and all forthcoming recitals.



Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 22nd September – All welcome!

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 25th September – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

Patronal Festival Bring & Share Lunch, Sunday 28th September – You are all invited to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC after the 10am Patronal Festival service. **Sign up sheets are in the Publicity Area and WCC – all are warmly welcome!**



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TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 2nd October in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. Next month we welcome Paul Burrell, with his talk, 'Musical Mischief - the Art of Creative Composition'.

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

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.

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.

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 pick up your service books.

Holly Fair bulb planting – Please could someone take this on this profitable work for this year's fair? Rosemary Thomson has lots of suitable bowls and a very good contact for hyacinth purchase and would be pleased to help with the initial planting and guidance of what to do from then on. Speak to her on a Wednesday or Sunday.

Princess Alexandra Hospital public meeting, Birchwood High School, 30th September 6-8:30pm – email paht.patient.panel@nhs.net to reserve a place.

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