



**No service at 8am**

**10am Patronal Parish Communion, in Church**

**We will receive Heather, Christine and Tracey as newly confirmed members at our service today.**

**We use the response 'With the help of God we will'.**

**We invite you to pray this prayer for the confirmands, in church on Sunday, or at other times:**

*Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.*

## Collect for Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 103. 19-22

**Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.  
Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.  
Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

**All: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

*Merciful Lord, as we come from dust and return to dust, show us the face of our Redeemer, that in our frailty we may bless your name and praise you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## A Gospel reading for today, John 1. 47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

## 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). **We also have an older group breakout session most weeks. Today, we're going to be celebrating the Feast of St Michael with the rest of our church family: we're following the Sunday readings and talking all things angels!**

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 ( [stmichaelsbdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbdom@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.*





# Newsletter and Notices

**This Sunday is our Patronal Festival**

**when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.**

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

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 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!

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Forthcoming 8am services** – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October (Harvest), then on 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Harvest, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – We'll celebrate Harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, *Rewrite their future*. This year the diocese is partnering with Mission Direct who are working towards increasing access to education for some of the world's most under-resourced communities. In Uganda and Zambia alone, Mission Direct will help over 1,170 children this year to have access to a new classroom, and over the next 20 years these new facilities will be used by 23,400 children. We're also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.



**Sheep knitting workshop, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-12noon, WCC**  
The Craft Group will be hosting a sheep knitting workshop to knit sheep for the Travelling Crib. All welcome, even non-knitters can help! Every Christmas the Travelling Crib passes between families accompanied by a bag of knitted sheep that are then brought back to Church for the Crib Service. Children love these sheep and unfortunately some sheep do not return to the flock, so we will be knitting replacements in time for this Christmas. Please RSVP to Heather Tanner via the Parish Office so that we can ensure we have enough needles, wool, stuffing and, most importantly, biscuits for you!

**TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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'.



# Sunday 28th September St Michael and All Angels

**Autumn Coffee Morning: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am** – All welcome! Fresh coffee/tea and cakes ... plus a cake 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 Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10am:** BCP Choral Eucharist for Bible/Reformation Sunday.

**Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

**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@stmichaelsimi.herts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stmichaelsimi.herts.sch.uk)

**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.

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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