



8am Holy Communion for Harvest, in Church

10am Service of the Word for Harvest, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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

There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishops' 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.



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 #

A Psalm for today, Psalm 100

Refrain: The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **[R]**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,

and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **[R]**

O Christ, door of the sheepfold, may we enter your gates with praise and go from your courts to serve you in the poor, the lost and the wandering, this day and all our days. Amen.

Parish Register for September

We remember in our prayers the family of Jim Warner, whose ashes were interred last month.

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Gospel reading for today, John 6. 25-35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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 Harvest with the rest of our church family and praising God the maker (Psalm 104).**

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 (stmicroelsbsdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.



Newsletter and Notices

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

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

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am **this Sunday 5th October (Harvest)**, then 19th October, 2nd, 16th and 30th November.

Sheep knitting workshop, this Monday 6th October, 10am-12noon, WCC
The Craft Group are 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 this Tuesday 7th 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 Mischievous - the Art of Creative Composition'.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 8th 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!

Funeral of Eunice Crane, Friday 10th October, 9:45am – Muriel and family would like to invite to the funeral all who knew Eunice, our sister-in-Christ.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 11th October, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Autumn Coffee Morning: Saturday, 18th October 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).

CSG talk, Sunday 19th October, after the 10am service – The speaker this time will be Duncan from "Embrace the Middle East" who will talk and answer questions about the work of this charity. Their work includes helping partners in Gaza respond to the unprecedented civilian suffering caused by the ongoing war.



Sunday 5th October Harvest Festival



Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – Sunday 26th October, 10am: BCP Choral Eucharist for Bible/Reformation Sunday.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 30th 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@stmichaelsmi.herts.sch.uk

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.

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.

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.

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.

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