



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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 66

Refrain: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you.

'All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.' [R]

Come now and behold the works of God,

how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

He turned the sea into dry land; the river they passed through on foot;

there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;

let no rebel rise up against him. [R]

Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty. [R]

How generous is your goodness, O God, how great is your salvation, how faithful is your love; help us to trust you in trial and praise you in deliverance; through 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.



Gospel reading for today, Luke 17. 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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 begin a short series learning all about Noah, 'God is good', hearing about Noah and his special boat (Genesis 6. 9-22).

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.



Last week we celebrated Harvest with the rest of our church family and praised God the maker (Psalm 104 and John 6. 25-35). As part of our worship we made our own bread.

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



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 15th 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 18th October, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Autumn Coffee Morning: next 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).



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

Talk by Embrace ME – The talk about the work of the charity Embrace the Middle East, scheduled for 19th October, will not now be taking place at that time.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 20th October – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft.

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.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 2nd November – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 4th November 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 Peter Watson, with his talk, 'Working Abroad'.



Sunday 12th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

At worship on Safeguarding Sunday (16th November) we will seek God's grace to make us ever more a holy, trustworthy, compassionate community, where those who are vulnerable are respected, cared for and protected. Please come and join in our prayers that day. We'll also be sharing information about what Safeguarding means here at St Michael's, and how, in varied ways, we can all be involved. You may like to visit our [website](#) for an initial look at Safeguarding in our Parish. Thank you, Derwyn and Dotun (PSO).

St Albans Cursillo is holding a free "Explore Cursillo" afternoon at Christ Church, St Albans AL3 6DJ on Saturday 22nd November, 2-4.30 pm. Cursillo is a movement within the Anglican Church which aims to deepen our faith and witness. This event is part of the Diocesan Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing. For more information and to book your place, [click here](#). If you need a lift, or help booking, please contact John Emmett or Val Ashwood.

Invitation for readers, Sunday 30th November at 10am – Please email the Parish Office if you'd like to read at our special Advent Service.

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

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, do ask for a score when you arrive at church.

Churches Together in Bishops Stortford need a secretary! Can you help? Please visit the [CTBS website](#) or see our noticeboards for details.

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