



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

NO SERVICE AT 8am

10am Parish Communion for Remembrance Sunday, in Church including Remembrance Ceremonies at the War Memorial in our Churchyard

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

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 17. 1-9

Refrain: Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand.

Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;

listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold what is right.

Weigh my heart, examine me by night, refine me, and you will find no impurity in me. **[R]**

My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;

my feet have not stumbled in your paths. **[R]**

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;

incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,

O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

From the wicked who assault me,

from my enemies who surround me to take away my life. **[R]**

Generous Lord, deliver us from all envious thoughts, and when we are tempted by the desire for wealth, let us see your face; for your abundance is enough to clothe our lack; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Sunday 9th November 2025

Third Sunday before Advent • Remembrance Sunday



Gospel reading for today, Luke 20.27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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. This week our messages come from John 15, Matthew 5, and James 3, as we consider the themes of love and peace. We'll be making poppies so that the children can share in the Remembrance Ceremonies, later in the service.**

Last week we echoed the All Saints/All Souls theme, learning how God keeps us safe and that we can be comforted by God's love and protection, as we shared Psalm 25.

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

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

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

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday – During the 10am Parish Communion service we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. Our Godly Play session will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.

Night Shelter induction dates – The first round of inductions for November will take place in Holy Trinity Church, the last date being **this Sunday 9th November at 2pm**. We are looking to open on Wednesday 3rd December for overnight accommodation. Each session should last about an hour, and will be a chance for you to get to know what is expected of you giving up your valuable time to help others.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 12th November, 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 15th November, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **Sunday 16th November**, then 30th November, and 7th and 21st December.

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).

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 17th November – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We usually prepare items for sale at the annual St Michael's Church Holly Fair.

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. 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.

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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St Michael's Recital, Sunday 23rd November, 3pm – Aleksandra Pykacz ('cello) and Shirley Wu (piano) will play a selection of music including Fauré, Rachmaninov and Shostakovich. Listen to a taster via YouTube [here](#). Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes afterwards.

A plea for help – We'll be serving tea and cake in the WCC afterwards. In order to manage two venues, we would love some volunteers to help with catering, either to bake a cake or to help in the kitchen on the day. Please email stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com if interested. Many thanks, Nathan.

Travelling Crib – Once again we are delighted that our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent; **beginning with a blessing at the 10am service on 30th November**. Hosting the figures for a night is a wonderful chance to share the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Please chat to Katharine if you'd like to know more about it and to sign up for a night.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 2nd December in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. This month we are delighted to welcome children from St Michael's School who will be singing carols to and with us.

Holly Fair (and Tower Tours too!), Saturday 6th December, 10-1pm – If you know anyone who could donate a raffle prize please speak to Carole Macdonald or Angela Weeks. We'll make Holly Rings as usual the week before the fair. If you would like to make any donations, there will be boxes in church at the services from Wednesday 12th November for the **unwanted gifts stall, the bottle and chocolate tombola and for any raffle prizes**. There will also be a list for donations for the raffle hampers. Any contributions will be greatly received; thank you very much. All proceeds go to charities.

Bereavement Journey Course, Saturday mornings, 17th January - 21st February For anyone bereaved at any time; with films and discussion groups. It's the chance to explore grief in a safe space. If you are interested and would value a preliminary conversation please contact Alison Jordan [via the Parish Office](#).

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be taking a break for a few months, hopefully meeting next on **Thursday 26th March**. We desperately need drivers, please contact the Parish Office if you think you could help.

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.

Charity Christmas Cards for sale – There is a wide range of cards on display in the Windhill Churches Centre, on Sundays and Wednesdays; with profits to the Holly Fair.

