



NO SERVICE AT 8AM
10am Parish Communion, in Church
Healing Prayers are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship
Fellowship and refreshments in the WCC
1pm-3pm Tower Tours
Adults £5, children free - visitors can call in at any time
3pm A piano recital with Dominic Downs
Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes

WORSHIP IN LENT: 'TEMPTATION, TEMPTATION!'

Sunday services will feature a sermon series pondering different aspects of temptation. The aim of the series is to explore something of what Scripture teaches about the different drives and desires which can separate us from God, and how by God's grace we can live more faithful, obedient lives of discipleship. This week, we consider the temptations of Pride and Dejection.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 119. 25-32

Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

My soul cleaves to the dust; O give me life according to your word.
 I have acknowledged my ways and you have answered me; O teach me your statutes.
 Make me understand the way of your commandments,
 and so shall I meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away in tears of sorrow; raise me up according to your word. **[R]**

Take from me the way of falsehood; be gracious to me through your law.
 I have chosen the way of truth and your judgements have I laid before me.
 I hold fast to your testimonies; O Lord, let me not be put to shame.

I will run the way of your commandments, when you have set my heart at liberty. **[R]**

Faithful God, let your word be the treasure of our hearts, that we may delight in your truth and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ. 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 the contact details on the next page. Thank you.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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.** These next few weeks we consider the Lent and Easter story: this week The Temptation of Jesus (*Matthew 4. 1-11*).

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Lent. **There will be something new each week!**

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.



Thank you to all the children in our church family who created such beautiful floral heart prayers for the ladies in our congregation on Mothering Sunday.



Holiday Bible Week 2026: 'Rescue!', 3rd-7th August. Sign Up for children and volunteers is now LIVE – Head over to the [HBW website](#) to secure your place for this year's festival event NOW! And visit our [website](#) for a sneak video preview of all the fun that happens each year!

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

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



Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on this Monday 23rd March – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft.

Lent Reflections, Tuesday from 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel – Our theme is Journey to the Cross, with an audio reading from Bear Grylls book, 'The Greatest Story Ever Told', music and prayer. Our session is followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year. [See our Lent flyer on our website](#), or in the Publicity Area, for more information.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 25th March, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next on **this Thursday 26th March**.

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 28th March, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP AND REFLECTION

Palm Sunday, 29th March

8am Holy Communion and 10am Parish Communion

6pm Choral Devotions and Scriptures for Palm Sunday, Stabat Mater (Pergolesi). The ancient hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross.

Tuesday 31st March

7pm Riding Lights Passion Play 'Crosslight': Filmed Showing

To support the Lent Appeal, in church this Holy Week we are showing a film of the Riding Lights Passion Play *Crosslight*. Devastated and confused, Mary, John and a guilt-stricken Peter gather on the Saturday after Good Friday, trying to make sense of what has just happened to the one they were convinced was the long-awaited Messiah. But perhaps it isn't the end of the story. Donations for Lent Appeal.

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

7:30pm Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper then Stripping of the Altar and Vigil of Prayer

Good Friday, 3rd April

10am United Service with Churches Together at URC, Water Lane, then Walk of Witness

1:30pm Good Friday Devotions: 'The Final Moments'

Easter Day, 5th April

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion for Easter, followed by Easter Egg hunt for the children

Easter Lilies, in memory or celebration – If anyone in the congregation wishes to contribute to the purchase of Easter lilies, please give your donation to Claire Conquest and complete a dedication card as soon as possible.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 7th April 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 Mary Stock and her woodwind group.

The Charities Support Group would welcome new members If you're interested in helping support charities through events, talks and distributing the funds at St Michael's Church then get in touch with CSG or Derwyn. Specifically we would like someone to work alongside the current treasurer with a view to taking over at some point. Equally if someone could regularly do minutes at our meetings (4 per year) this would also be appreciated. Our next meeting is **9th April at 7.30pm in the WCC**. Val Ashwood (Chair).

St Michael's Charity Quiz: 9th May, 7 for 7:30pm – The quiz team has again been assembled for this popular event. £15 per ticket with Fish and Chip (or chicken) supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tables of 8. Please see Carole/Bill Macdonald, Val Ashwood or Claire Conquest to reserve a table. (Tables of 8 or individuals welcomed).

APCM, 31st May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll revision this year starts on 5th April and ending on 3rd May, if you'd like to join our electoral roll and/or nominate for PCC, Deanery Synod or Churchwarden election.

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.

We have a wonderful band of cleaners and are now looking for extras – We have two groups, and it would mean cleaning once every eight weeks. We meet on the final Saturday of the month from 10-11am or earlier if preferred.

Food Bank Plea – Increased costs of living continue to hit foodbanks hard. Do consider whether you can donate: details on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – We'll add this to the money raised through the Lent lunches and split the amount between Riding Lights and Embrace the Middle East: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Donations can be made into the red bucket or on the card machine using the button 'Lent Appeal'. More information about the charities and donating through BACS is on our [website](#), on noticeboards and leaflets.

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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