



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion, in Church

Healing Prayers are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship

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

Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 23

Refrain: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

All: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*O God, our sovereign and shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love,
that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. 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.

A Gospel reading for today, John 10. 1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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, along with the rest of our church family, we hear about how Jesus loves and protects us, with the story of the Good Shepherd (*John 10. 1-15*).

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) 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 the contact details on the other page.

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

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



Last week we learned about the walk to Emmaus (*Luke 24. 13-35*).



Healing Prayers – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on this Sunday 26th April.**

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on this Monday 27th April – All welcome!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 29th April, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm, WCC – We're taking a break this Thursday. 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 2nd May, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am **on Sunday 3rd May**, then 31st May, 7th and 21st June.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **this Thursday 30th April.**

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 5th May 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 Don Gibson with his talk, 'You're nicked – Scotland Yard reporting'.

Fabric and grounds working party session, Saturday 16th May, from 10am – All are welcome to help until noon, or whatever time you have available. Please meet in the south porch. We shall be looking at what we can do to keep the church in good repair, and the grounds tidy in the warmer season. Refreshments afterwards.

Tower Tours, Sunday 17th May, 1-3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. Contact for more information via bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07971 138020.

Forthcoming Recital, Sunday 17th May, 3pm – We are delighted to welcome Titika Maragoula (Soprano) and Richard Carr (Piano). Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes afterwards.



APCM, 31st May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll revision this year starts on 5th April and ends on 3rd May, if you'd like to join our electoral roll. If you'd like to be considering coming onto, or returning to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), or offering service as a Churchwarden or Deanery Synod Representative, do speak to one of the current PCC, or Wardens' Team, or the Vicar. Nomination forms are in the Publicity Area. Thank you.

TLC Annual Mystery Outing on Tuesday 2nd June – Once again an invite is offered to join us on this fun afternoon - £30 including travel and cream tea with two pick-up points. Do speak to Rosemary Thomson asap as there are not many tickets left.

Love Stortford '26, Monday 15th – Saturday 20th June – The Churches Together event is taking place again. Would you like to join the carnival procession on 20th June, or organise your own project? For inspiration, see [Love Stortford 2025 video](#) on YouTube.

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!

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of all settings available for worshippers.

Treasurer Role - Church Finance Administration – Graziana, our long-serving Treasurer is standing down from 30th June 2026, after 11 years in post. If you have accountancy/bookkeeping/finance administration skills, could you be part of a team of people who can help in some way with the work of our Finance operation? Sharing the tasks seems a more realistic plan than expecting one person to take everything on. If you might contribute to this, please speak to Claire Conquest, Peter Rixson or the Vicar, to let us know and find out more. Thank you.

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.

Postage stamps and foreign currency collections for charity – Save your used stamps for the bucket in the Publicity Area. Stamps must have a one inch paper envelope border, or they can't be used! The Charities Support Group has an ongoing collection of currency for Mary's Meals. A further amount can be sent once we have 2kg of currency.

We are looking for a pianist! A small team lead a short service at Elm View and Hazel End Care Homes one Sunday afternoon a month. Might you be able to help with three simple hymns every now and then as our regular pianist is not always available. The residents do so love a little sing!

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