



## 8am Holy Communion, in Church

### 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom

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 #

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

## Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 31. 1-5, 15-16 Refrain: *Into your hands I commend my spirit.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. [R]

'My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake.' [R]

*Lord Jesus Christ, when scorn and shame besiege us and hope is veiled in grief, hold us in your wounded hands and make your face shine on us again, for you are our Lord and God. Amen.*

## Parish Register for April

We remember in our prayers the family of Valerie Harvey whose funeral and burial of ashes took place last month; and the family of Ernest Norton whose burial of ashes also took place in April.

We celebrate the Baptism of Kaamaluchim Okoye, Chi Kwong and Alistair Rust last month.

Please continue to pray for the newly confirmed Matthew Brender, Chi Kwong and Alistair Rust.

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

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

## A Gospel reading for today, John 14. 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

## 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 we hear about how Jesus feeds, with the story of the loaves and the fishes (John 6. 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 ( [stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbsdom@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.



Last week we learned about how Jesus loves and protects us, with the story of the Good Shepherd (John 10. 1-15).



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

**TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm**  
Join tea and talk and a short presentation on wide-ranging interests. This month we're delighted to welcome Don Gibson with his talk: *You're nicked - Scotland Yard reporting*.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 10am** – Refreshments afterwards.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

**Christian Aid Week is 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May** – There will be Red Buckets in church during the services for anyone who would like to make a donation. The Gift Aid envelopes and poster explain how your support can help urban farmers to fight hunger and grow hope. Donate faster at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) or call 08080 006 006. Thank you.

**Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – All welcome!

**Fabric and grounds working party session, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1-3pm** – £5 for adults, free for children. Contact for more information via [bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk](mailto:bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk) or 07971 138020.

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

**Healing Prayers** – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Quiet Days in Albury** – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**.

**A Pentecost Prayer Breakfast, St Barnabas Centre, Thorley, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 10am-12noon** – Organised by Churches Together, this is an opportunity to discover more about, and pray for, several of the charities St Michael's supports (including the Child Contact Centre, Street Pastors, the Night Shelter and Thirst Youth Cafe) plus many other local initiatives. The event will conclude with worship and prayer from 11:30am. The session is free; tea, coffee and pastries are available, and all are welcome to drop in and stay for as long as they like.



**APCM, 31<sup>st</sup> May after 10am service** – The Electoral Roll revision this year starts on 5<sup>th</sup> April and ends on **3<sup>rd</sup> May**, if you'd like to join our electoral roll. If you'd like to 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. Over the coming weeks the APCM documentation will be published on the website from the [PCC page](#).

**TLC Annual Mystery Outing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – The Churches Together event is taking place again. Would you like to join the carnival procession on 20<sup>th</sup> June, or organise your own project? For inspiration, see [Love Stortford 2025 video](#) on YouTube.

**Holiday Bible Week 2026: 'Rescue!', 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

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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