



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 68. 1-10 Refrain: *Sing to God, sing praises to his name.*

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;

as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them make merry with gladness.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,

but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **[R]**

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,

at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **[R]**

Blessed are you, gracious God; you make your home among the weak,

you deliver us from death, you bring us joy beyond our imagining

to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

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 17. 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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 next few weeks, along with the rest of our church family, we share in the church's important feast days, this week learning about Jesus' ascension to heaven (*Acts 1. 6-11*).

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) 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 finished our series, *Jesus Cares*, hearing about how Jesus gives life (*John 11. 17-44*) and learning about Lazarus.



Newsletter and Notices



Tower Tours, this 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, this Sunday 17th May, 3pm – We are delighted to welcome Titika Maragoula (Soprano) and Richard Carr (Piano). Free admission, retiring collection, tea and cakes after. Please see our [Music at St Michael's website page](#) for more information.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 20th May, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

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

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm, WCC – For parents/carers and babies/preschoolers in term time; **plus older children are most welcome in these forthcoming half term 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 23rd May, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

A Pentecost Prayer Breakfast, St Barnabas Centre, Thorley, Saturday 23rd 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.

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

Pentecost Barbecue, Sunday 24th May – All are warmly invited to join us after our 10am service. Sign up in the Publicity Area to give us an idea of numbers. Donations of salads / puds warmly welcomed!

Tower Room work, from Tuesday 26th May – Please note that work on the ground floor area of the tower begins at the end of May and is scheduled to be completed at the end of July.

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

APCM, 31st May after 10am service – If you'd like to consider 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 Home and PCC pages.

Funeral of Heather Johns, Monday 1st June at 1pm – The family would like to invite Heather's church family and friends to her funeral and refreshments in the WCC afterwards

There won't be a TLC session in the WCC on Tuesday 2nd June – A reminder that on Tuesday 2nd June, our TLC regulars are enjoying a trip out for a cream tea at a surprise venue. We'll be back on **Tuesday 7th July.**

What is happening with God and Gen Z?, St Barnabas Centre, 6th June, 10am-1pm – Open to everyone: find out what God has in store for young people and leaders! See noticeboards or [tickets here](#). Guest speakers include Rev'd Daniel Drew and Joh Dean MP.

Charities Support Group Presentation, Sunday 7th June – After our 10am service and coffee, the CSG has invited Rowena Worthington to tell us about the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza (one of our Lent Appeal charities) and also about projects in Egypt.

Our craft group usually meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 8th June – All welcome!

Love Stortford '26, 15th – 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. Flyers are in the Publicity Area.

Choral Evensong, Sunday 28th June – All are warmly invited to our special Choral service for Saints Peter and Paul, at which we are delighted to welcome Canon Teresa Wynne as our preacher.

Holiday Bible Week 2026: 'Rescue!', 3rd-7th August (Herts & Essex High School) – HBW has had 356 applications for places this year! They've been able to offer places to most, but still have 31 children on the waiting list. If you'd like to help, please sign up as soon as possible. Each new adult volunteer enables up to 8 more places. **They're especially keen to hear from anyone with an interest or experience in supporting children with special educational needs.** Further information, and a sign-up form, is available on the [HBW website](#). And visit our [website](#) for a sneak video preview of all the fun that happens each year!

Charities Support Group news – The Lent Appeal raised a fantastic £1257.70. We will split the Lent money between Riding Lights and Embrace the Middle East: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. The total includes Red Bucket donations, Lent lunches and a collection at the Riding Lights Passion play. Thanks to all who donated. The recent quiz raised £952 to be split between local charities Red Kite and Thirst. Thanks to everyone who came, to Margaret Webb for the varied and fun questions and to her support team the Solway family.

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