



No service at 8am

10am Patronal Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer (1662)

There is an opportunity for prayers of healing, praise or thanksgiving in the Lady Chapel after the service.

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service, as we continue our celebrations of our Patronal Festival.

Collect for Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 12. 7-12

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.



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.



A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 18. 1-6,10

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

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. Today, we're going to be celebrating the Feast of St Michael with the rest of our church family: we're following the Sunday readings and talking all things angels!**

Could you help A Godly Play once a month? Due to one of our team needing to step down, we urgently need some extra help: please speak to Katharine if interested.

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.



Last week we learned how Josiah becomes king (2 Kings 22. 1-13, 23. 1-3). We had had fun repairing the Temple and finding the scroll.

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.



Newsletter and Notices

This Sunday is our Patronal Festival

when we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

Prayer Ministry, this Sunday 27th September – Prayers for healing, praise or thanksgiving are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **Sunday 4th October**, then 18th October, 1st, 15th and 29th November.

Craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. We next meet on **Monday 5th October** - 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.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 30th September, 10am – Refreshments after.

Bishop's Stortford Town Council Children's Logo & Tagline Competition – for children/young people up to age 18, to help create a brand-new identity for the town, replacing the current 'Historic Market Town' logo. **Deadline 30th September.** See more information in Publicity Area.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **on this Thursday 1st October.**

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 on inset days and school 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! **We would really value some more helpers ... just to assist once a month.**

Please speak to Shell if you're interested in knowing more.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 3rd October, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Harvest, next Sunday 4th October – We'll celebrate Harvest at 8am and 10am services. There will be a Red Bucket for Chris' work with CMS. We are delighted that Chris will be joining us via zoom for the 10am service and reflecting on his ministry. We also request food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank (see noticeboards).

Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford newsletter – A copy of the latest newsletter can be found on the CTBS website <https://ctbs.org.uk/> **There's lots happening, including a Songs of Praise service next Sunday 4th October, 4pm at the United Reformed Church, Water Lane.**



Sunday 27th September 2026
St Michael and All Angels



TLC Tuesdays, Tuesday 6th October in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. In October we are delighted to welcome Patricia Meadmore with her talk, 'Once upon a stage'.

Help raise money for the last push towards the Tower Room Appeal – by clicking on and signing up to this easy fundraising link and raise money as you shop:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=428546&invite=7sitbt&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link You can also donate through the contactless card machine or by using the form in the Publicity Area.

New PCC Governor for St Michael's School – Would you like to be a school governor? It's a rewarding and important role in a friendly team and we currently have one vacancy. There are 7 foundation governors appointed by the PCC at church or St Albans diocese to uphold the Christian ethos of the school as well as taking other responsibilities. See Mark Johnson (chair) or Val Ashwood or email chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk

Jam Jars needed – I am running out of jam jars for church use and would welcome any that you may have in your kitchen cupboard! Many thanks. Rosemary.

Forthcoming events for our Church School – Ms Griffiths and our school community warmly invites you to share in some or all of our forthcoming events! Harvest Festival Service at school - Friday 2nd October, 9:15am; Remembrance Commemorations - Wednesday 11th November, for 11am at the Town Memorial. Please come and support our children. Also, please do visit [St Michael's School](https://www.stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk) page on our website for a couple of really interesting articles on the school vision and our language of spirituality.

Giving Season

Please can **any last responses** be given to the Parish Office, or placed in the post box in the corner of the North Porch **by this Sunday 27th September.**

Thank you for responses which have come in and for thinking and praying about all the ways in which we can, together, resource and contribute to our Church. Derwyn.

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