

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 13th November 2022

Second Sunday before Advent • Remembrance Sunday



NO SERVICE AT 8am

10am Parish Communion for Remembrance Sunday, in Church including Remembrance Ceremonies at the War Memorial in our Churchyard

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

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 98

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the Lord a new song

for he has done marvellous things.

His own right hand and his holy arm

have won for him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness

towards the house of Israel,

and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. [R]

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;

break into singing and make music.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the voice of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

sound praises before the Lord, the King. [R]

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,

the world and all that dwell upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands

and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,

for he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world

and the peoples with equity. [R]

Lord God, just and true, you make your salvation known in the sight of the nations; tune the song of our hearts to the music of creation as you come among us to judge the earth; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gospel for today, Luke 21. 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

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've lost a few of our helpers recently and sadly we can't offer our fortnightly breakout session for older children/young people BUT WE CAN DO SO ONCE A MONTH!! There's a display in the Lady Chapel, if you'd like to find out more! Our Children & Young People website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



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activities to share together).

This week our messages come from John 15, Matthew 5, and James 3, as we consider the themes of love and peace.

We'll be making poppies so that the children can share in the Remembrance Ceremonies, later in the service.

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

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

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, 13th November - During the 10am Parish Communion service we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. Our Godly Play session will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.

Holly ring making - We're starting our holly ring making in preparation for the Holly Fair. Mossing up 15th November, Ring making 28th, 29th November and 1st December from 9am. There are sign-up sheets on the welcome desk or speak with Peter or Claire

Holy Communion, Wednesday 16th November, 10am - A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 16th November, 11 for 11:15am in the WCC - Worship for babies/toddlers and their grown-ups; with a story, singing and instruments for little ones too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a chance for the children to play beforehand.

Ukrainian Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm - St Michael's is providing space at the WCC for Ukrainian guests and host families to meet together, along with informal language lessons, once a week. St Joseph's Hall is open too, as extra space for teaching or play. We are offering a light lunch / refreshments for adults and children and whatever other support we can.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 19th November, 9:30am - All are welcome!

Choral Evensong for Christ the King, Sunday 20th November at 6pm - This is our first opportunity to share Choral Evensong in nearly three years! All are warmly welcomed to this special reflective and celebratory service for Christ the King.

A Quiet Day at Albury, Thursday 24th November, 10:30am-3pm - A day of reflection and contemplation in June's home. Places are limited, please contact June on 07539 058946 to book, or for more information.

Holly Fair on Saturday 3rd December 10am-12:30pm - All offers to help with stalls would be useful, (even help for an hour rather than the whole time!) We'd particularly welcome people to help with some children's activities to make this a family friendly event. All profits go to local charities and those overseas including those whom we have recently welcomed in church. Do contact Val Ashwood or Claire Conquest for more information.

TLC Tuesday 6th December, 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC – An opportunity to be able to join in with tea and talk, read the paper, play board games ... and then later in the afternoon we welcome families after school for a short while, to share in reading/play and enjoy a biscuit/cake/fruit snack. Do come along ... and tell your friends too! This coming month, we're having a Christmas celebration and celebrating our first birthday!

Once again we are delighted that our travelling crib will be making its way around the parish during Advent - beginning with a blessing at the 10am service on 27th November. Hosting the figures for a night is a wonderful chance to share with children the anticipation of Christ's birth and fellowship with other families as the crib is passed on ... and a moment of stillness in an otherwise busy Advent. Please chat to Katharine Stanley if you'd like to know more about it and please sign up for a night.

St Albans Cursillo weekend 10th-12th February - "Cursillo is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone". Our next weekend will take place at Pleshey (near Chelmsford). It's not a traditional retreat and more explanation is at www.stalbanscursillo.com including a YouTube video explaining more. Many members of St Michaels congregation would recommend: speak to Mike & Val Ashwood, John & Viv Emmett, Claire Conquest, Derek & Pauline Hinge, Pam Johnson-Cook and Audrey Smith if you would like to know more.

Please keep Derwyn in your prayers, for which he is very grateful. He continues to recover from an episode of ill health. As part of his recovery, it has been agreed with the Diocese and Derwyn's medical professionals for him to begin a gradual reentry into parish worship and ministry. This will be on a part time basis at first. Please continue to direct communications about parish activities to June, Derek or the Parish Office, for the time being.

A couple of reminders from the Churchwardens - Please avoid parking in the churchyard at ANY TIME including nominated clergy spaces, whilst the bells restoration work continues. This is especially important this next four weeks, with increased contractor traffic as the project concludes. Please may we also encourage all users of the WCC to be vigilant about lights and locking the centre afterwards.

Food Bank Plea - Increased costs of living are hitting foodbanks hard. Do consider whether you can donate: details on our website and church noticeboard. You might also wish to consider the 'reverse Advent Calendar' - donating every day in Advent.

More 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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