

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent



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

A Collect for The Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

Romans reading for today:

Romans 3. 22b-4. 25 (excerpts) His faith was reckoned to him as righteousness

A Psalm for today, Psalm 112. 1-4

Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

All: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

- 1 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

All: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

A Gospel reading for today, Mark 9. 20-24

They brought the suffering boy to Jesus. When the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy into convulsions, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.' Jesus said to him, 'If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'

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 on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. We continue the story of Moses from last Autumn, looking at Moses the Leader. This week we learn about Moses meeting God (Exodus 33. 7-23; 34. 1-9, 29-35).

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> website page has loads of activities

to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

Last week we learned about ten rules from God and discovered how God helps us know how he wants us to live (Exodus 19. 16-20. 17).

We are delighted with the recommencement of our young person's choir

- If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (<u>stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com</u>) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people and welcome the support of those who would like to help contribute to these.



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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.

Lent Worship and Prayer – See our Lent flyer on our website for information; there are a few copies in the Publicity Area too, along with some prayers and devotions which you might wish to use during this season.

Lent Reflections, Tuesdays until 19th March, 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel – All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. This year our theme is *Lent Reflections on Everyday Objects*, with a reading, reflection, hymn and prayer. This Tuesday 5th March, we consider 'A Washing Machine'. Each session is followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year.

TLC this Tuesday, 5th March in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join in with tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. 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 welcome Andy Gibson talking about his life as a Met Police dog trainer.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 6th March, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 6th March, from 10:45 for 11:15am – 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 in the WCC, if you can. We gather in the WCC and walk across to the Lady Chapel at 11:15am for a short worship.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 9th March, 9:30-10am - All welcome.

Sunday Service 10th March – We'll celebrate Mothering Sunday at our 10am service next Sunday. Children in our Godly Play session next Sunday will be helping to finish small gifts of flowers to give to ladies in our church family.

Coffee Morning, Saturday 16th March, 10am-12noon – All welcome! Fresh coffee / tea and cakes ... plus a cake stall, a raffle and a good as new / unwanted gift stall. Come and join us for a cuppa! Any helpers and cake bakers would be most appreciated. Please contact Gill.

Recital, Sunday 17th March at 3pm – You are warmly invited to this Voice and Piano Recital, featuring Titika Maragoula and Richard Carr. Free admission, (retiring collection) and tea and cake served afterwards. For some fascinating programme notes, visit the <u>Music Page</u> on our website.

Palm Sunday, 24th March – 10am Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies. 6pm Choral Evensong for the start of Holy Week.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Wednesday 27th March – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Places are limited, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage, 1st **April –** Every year hundreds of people from across the diocese and beyond journey together to St Albans Cathedral for an Easter celebration: with picnics on the grass, then an informal service of Holy Communion at 3pm led by Bishop Jane. Visit the <u>St Albans Diocese website</u> for more information.

Bereavement Journey Course, Thursdays for 6 weeks from 18th April, 10am-12:30pm – For anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. There is a series of films and discussion groups looking at grief, within a safe space. You are welcome to have a preliminary discussion with a team member: June Knight, Vivienne Emmett, Liz Puller, or email Alison Jordan on alisonfaith1111@gmail.com

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through the Tuesday Lent Lunches this year. We will split the Lent money between **Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre**, a child-focused charity that supports families directly impacted by separation or divorce, and **Embrace the Middle East**, a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. Further information about the charities and details of online donations to CSG can be found on our <u>website page</u> or ask the Parish Office for a copy.

Small part-time job available – We are looking for a cleaner for the WCC: 5 hours a week, flexible hours. If you're interested, please contact Gill, Claire, or the Parish Office.

Church Management System – HUBB has informed us of an intermittent issue delivering email to TalkTalk customers (including tiscali, lineone, pipex, ntlworld etc. email addresses). TalkTalk are aware of the issue, affecting other mailing platform senders as well as HUBB, and are working on a permanent solution but don't have a timescale for a fix yet. HUBB suggests that all people with an affected email address complain to TalkTalk (the more of their own customers complaining the more likely this is to get fixed).

The Diocese is advertising for two part time administrators, as well as a Property Director, Further details from www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/

Details of all services and events are available on the <u>Calendar</u> page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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