

## St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford Newsletter and Notices

29<sup>th</sup> August 8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom (Derwyn: 846 662 9590 / 834900) 5<sup>th</sup> September 8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom (Derwyn: 846 662 9590 / 834900) We're delighted to offer refreshments to enjoy in (or outside) the WCC after the 10am service. 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. 2. Join Zoom on your computer When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'. 3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone a) Call 0131 460 1196 b) Enter Meeting ID followed by #, then enter Meeting Passcode followed by # You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service). Collect for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. A Psalm for Trinity 13. Psalm 15 Refrain: Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right;

Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue. **[R]** Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord. **[R]** Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word;

Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent; Whoever does these things shall never fall. **[R]** 

### Gospel for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'...

### Sundays 29<sup>th</sup> August & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Thirteenth & Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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... Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

#### Collect for The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Psalm for Trinity 14, Psalm 146

Refrain: The Lord shall reign for ever.

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God. Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them. When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish. **[R]** Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger. **[R]** The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous; The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia. [R]

#### Gospel for The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Mark 7. 24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may gothe demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'



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The church is open each day, from early morning to late afternoon. An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturdays 28<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**CSG Red Bucket Appeal for Haiti and Afghanistan** – Following the recent earthquake in Haiti and the evolving crisis in Afghanistan we're having an appeal to be split between the two emergencies. We've chosen to donate through World Vision, who've worked in both these countries for decades and have teams on the ground responding and supporting vulnerable children and their families. The money will be donated through the World Vision Emergency Fund. More information about their work in these countries is via the CSG page on our website here. The red bucket will be in church on **29<sup>th</sup> August until 12<sup>th</sup> September**. For information on donating by bank transfer rather than cash/cheque (*St Michael's PCC Missions*) <u>click here</u>.

Holy Communion, Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church and via Derwyn's Zoom (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900). You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page.

**'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September, 11 for 11:15am –** We're delighted to be meeting once again after the summer break - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. We are pleased to be able to offer refreshments before and after the service.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Johnson-Cook – Pam would like to invite all John's friends to come and share a service of celebration of his life, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm.

**St Michael's Bell Tower will be open for tours, Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September –** This will be part of the National Heritage Open Day which, each September, celebrates local architecture, community and history. The Tower will be open between 2-4pm with visits to the Ringing Chamber at 2pm and 3pm lasting 45 minutes, to include the ringing plus history of the bells. Space is limited so the museum will be taking bookings <u>here</u>. The church will be open as usual to visitors.

#### Please note these forthcoming Sunday 10am services in your diary -

19<sup>th</sup> September - Holy Communion with Healing Ministry; 26<sup>th</sup> September - 'Angel Voices' Songs of Praise for Patronal Festival; 31<sup>st</sup> October - Commemoration All Souls' Service. All welcome! More details coming soon.

**Children's Society Box opening, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Boxholders, please bring your boxes into church to give to Pat and Alan Matthews on either of these dates...and claim your free coffee from them on that day too! Pat and Alan will return the boxes to you in due course. If any new folks would be interested in having a charity box at home for the next year, please speak to Pat/Alan on the day.

More 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. Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK! We invite them, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during the sermon and prayers, and share in a short Godly Play (a visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions to share together).



• You might also like to explore the links on our

<u>Children & Young People</u> page. There's a <u>printable sheet</u> which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.

**Would you like to sing with our Choir?** A number of people have expressed an interest in singing with the Choir more regularly, especially after the 'singing in the churchyard' sessions. If this might be for you, please do contact the Parish Office to find out more.

**St Michael's School has forthcoming Governor vacancies –** We invite anyone who may be interested in service as a Foundation Governor (representing St Michael's Church) to come forward. No experience necessary and full training/support will be given for this most rewarding role. For more information speak to the Vicar or Katharine Stanley.

We are advertising for a Families Minister! – We hope to be interviewing candidates towards the end of September. Are you the person to encourage, coordinate, develop and expand ministry among children, young people and their families at our church? More detailed information about the role is on the website <u>here</u>. We recently sent out an email regarding opportunities to offer financial support for the role; the email is available <u>here</u> if you've not seen it.

**Come join our St. Michaels' School Family** – We currently still have spaces in both Reception and Nursery for the academic year 2021-22. We are now offering all day provision in Nursery. Do look at our <u>school website</u> and follow the link for the virtual tour to find out more about our thriving school and our 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2019) EYFS.

#### Parish Register for August

We remember in our prayers the family of Irene Moses, whose funeral took place this last month. We welcome Vinnie Robins and Tommy Conquest-Kirby into the fellowship of faith following their Baptism in August.

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