St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 6th February 2022 Accession Day



8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word, in Church & Zoom

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments 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 for the 10am service.

2. Join Zoom on your computer

When signed in you can 'Join a Meeting' (ID: 846 662 9590 / Passcode: 834900).

3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone

a) Call 0131 460 1196 b) Enter Meeting ID then #, then enter Meeting Passcode then #

A Psalm for today, Psalm 20

Refrain: We will call on the name of the Lord our God.

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble,

the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his sanctuary

and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings

and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire and fulfil all your mind. [R]

May we rejoice in your salvation

and triumph in the name of our God;

may the Lord perform all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed;

he will answer him from his holy heaven,

with the mighty strength of his right hand. [R]

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we will call only on the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down and fallen,

but we are risen and stand upright.

O Lord, save the king

and answer us when we call upon you. [R]

Merciful God, purify our hearts in the flame of your Spirit and transform our toil into an offering of praise, that we may reject the proud rule of might and trust in Christ alone, for he is our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for the Sovereign

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,

bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; 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 Gospel reading for today, Luke 22. 24-30

A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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). There will be a display in the

Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more!

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You might also like to explore the links on our <u>Children & Young People</u> page. There are lots of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

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Parish Register for January

We remember in our prayers the families of Gerald Durban, Maurice Chopping and Margaret Browning, whose funerals took place this last month.



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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.

The Queen's Accession Day, this Sunday 6th February – The 8am Holy Communion will be Accession themed and there will be some reference to the Platinum Jubilee at our Christingle Service at 10am, including singing the National Anthem.

Christingle Service with St Michael's School, this Sunday 6th February Please do come and share in our worship in church this Sunday at 10am. This is the one occasion when all members of our St Michael's School family are formally invited to join us in worship at church and it would be lovely to see many members of our own church family here to welcome them!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 9th February, 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.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 9th February, 11 for 11:15am – Worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers; with a story, singing and instruments for little ones too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and a little chance for the children to play before/after the service.

Mothers' Union Meeting, 9th February, 2pm – MU meet in church for their monthly fellowship and talk. Our speaker will be Renee Friend who will be talking about the Isabel Hospice. Members and non-members warmly invited to come to our session.

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 12th February, 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

WCC Spring Clean, Wednesday, 16th February – Could you spare some time after Holy Communion/Tiny Tots, Wednesday, 16th February, (half-term) to help Spring Clean our part of the WCC in preparation for Easter? Please join us afterwards for a light lunch in the newly sparkling hall. Very many thanks, Claire and Gill.

TLC Tuesday 1st March from 2pm, Windhill Churches Centre - An opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend 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!

Winter church opening - The Church will be locked at 3:30pm Monday - Thursday. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays may be later to accommodate visitors.

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.

Lent Reflections, Tuesdays from 8th March, 12pm in the Lady Chapel - All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. We'll explore feelings (such as Fear, Anger, Love, Isolation) and theologically reflect on them in the light of Christ; through a meditative blend of Scripture, prayer, hymn, music and talks. Hopefully each session will be followed by a light lunch in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year.

Governors needed! Can you help St Michael's Primary School to deliver its Christian vision, by joining our governing body? We must have a majority of church governors but have several upcoming vacancies. Please think about whether you can offer us your time and speak to Katharine in the Parish Office if you'd like to know more. Thank you.

Choir - Have you and/or your child been inspired by the singing recently? Might vou like to join our Choir? We would welcome interest from possible singers. adults or children in Year 4 or above. For more information on the Choir see the website or contact the Parish Office.

Would you like to receive news and information from St Michael's **electronically?** May we invite new or newer worshippers to think about completing a Welcome Card, and submitting your email on it if you wish.

Charities Support Group update - The final total donated raised for the Night Shelter through the Advent Appeal was £795.10 and CSG have made a donation of £800 to the shelter. The £500 'Mary's Meals' donation was doubled by a private donor of the Charity. Thank you for your generous giving.

DIGITAL GIVING TO ST MICHAEL'S

While fewer people carry cash, and our donations in the collection plates and offertory box remain much smaller than before the pandemic, the costs of running our parish remain. Please consider using our digital giving facility to support St Michael's. To give by phone: text STMIC (then a number from 2 to 20, e.g. STMIC7 or STMIC15) to

70085. The most efficient way to give is by Standing Order direct from your bank account: please see the Giving Sunday envelopes from our most recent Stewardship renewal, in the Welcome Area. Thank you for considering your giving to St Michael's.

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