



Collect for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 11, Psalm 112

Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. [R] It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. [R] Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. [R]

Generous God, save us from the meanness that calculates its interest and hoards its earthly gain; as we have freely received, so may we freely give; in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14. 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12, Psalm 1

Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. [R] Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. [R] Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. [R] *Christ our wisdom, give us delight in your law, that we may bear fruits of patience and peace in the kingdom of the righteous; for your mercy's sake. Amen.*

Gospel for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14. 25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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're delighted to say that in this last ten months we've grown enough to enable a fortnightly breakout session for older children/young people too: during the sermon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, also in the Lady Chapel.** There will be a display in the Lady Chapel most weeks, if you'd like to find out more! You might also like to explore the links on Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.





Newsletter and Notices

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

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

28th August

10am Parish Communion, in Church

4th September

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word, in Church & [Zoom](#) (ID 846 662 9590 / 834900)

We're delighted to offer refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

8am services will be fortnightly over the summer holidays – There will be **NO 8am service on Sunday 28th August**, although **Holy Communion will be available at 10am**. Weekly 8am Holy Communion services resume on 4th September and continue onwards.

News from the Tower – We will be having an exhibition about the bells in the 'Arts Space' of the museum from **Monday 29th August to Monday 12th September**. Also, Alan Padgett will be delivering his talk about the bells on **Tuesday 20th September at 12:30pm** in Bishop's Stortford Museum.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 31st August and 7th September, 10am, in church – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Due to the bells' work, refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 31st August and 7th September, 11 for 11:15am in the WCC – 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.

Bishop's Stortford Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm – St Michael's is providing space at the WCC for Ukranian guests and their host families to meet together, along with some informal language lessons, once a week. Our volunteer numbers have grown as have attendee numbers, and we have been joined by some members of St Joseph's and others. With the growing numbers, as of 13th July St Joseph's Hall will be open, with more voluntary support as an additional space for teaching or play. We are still providing a light lunch and refreshments for adults and children and whatever other support we can. If you are still considering joining our band of volunteers, please contact Jenny Klincke (833523 / jennyklincke@gmail.com)

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 3rd and 10th September, 9:30am – All welcome.

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.

Sundays 28th August & 4th September 2022 Eleventh & Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



Coffee morning for Christian Aid, Saturday 3rd September – Come and join us at the Methodist Church from 10am-12noon. Coffee/tea and cake!

TLC Tuesday 6th September, 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 (we were delighted to welcome a group from Age Concern to our July session!) We'll begin with a short time of prayer just after 2:15pm before our session at 2:30pm, until about 4:30pm. This coming month, it's an Autumn/Harvest theme!

Bike 'n Hike 2022, Saturday 10th September 2022 – This is the most important fundraising event for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust - ride or walk around churches in the area to raise money for the trust, with 50% to our own church. Katharine (and some of the family!) will be hoping to cycle 40 miles and visit about 40 churches that day so please do sponsor her; details in the Publicity Area. It would be great to offer a cold drink and a smile to visitors here that day too: so please sign up if you can help for an hour or two!

Friends of St Michael's Outing to Wimpole Hall, Saturday, 10th September – A National Trust house in Cambridgeshire, with parkland and farm. Pick up at 8:30/8:45am, returning at 4:30pm. The cost of the trip is £15 for the coach plus £1 tip for the driver - £16 in total. For non-NT members, the admission fee of £15 can be made on the day in the entrance hall. Sign up in church or email robertklincke@gmail.com.

Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Church Tour, Saturday 17th September – "We are delighted to be able to run a further Church Tour this year led by a knowledgeable guide. Tickets are £25 to include afternoon tea and coach travel to a few churches in our East Herts locality". Details and booking forms are on a poster in the Publicity Area.

Parish Office – The Parish Office is closed for the duration of the bell restoration works. Katharine is on holiday until Sunday 29th August, returning to work on Tuesday 30th August; but the answerphone will be checked regularly.

Food Bank Plea – Increased costs of living are hitting foodbanks hard. Please consider whether you can donate food: details on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

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