



8am Holy Communion for Harvest, in Church

10am Service of the Word for Harvest, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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

There will be a Red Bucket for the Bishop's Appeal, Not Forgotten: for those in Mozambique who have been traumatised and displaced by conflict. Your support will help on-the-ground, local church partners to reach the most vulnerable; helping to change lives, transform communities and show God's love where it is needed most. We are also requesting food gifts for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.

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



A woman collects water from a communal tank in the Resettlement Centre of Marrupa, Mozambique
Photo: Ricardo Franco/Tearfund

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 #

A Psalm for today, Psalm 100

Refrain: The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. [R]

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. [R]

O Christ, door of the sheepfold, may we enter your gates with praise and go from your courts to serve you in the poor, the lost and the wandering, this day and all our days. Amen.

Parish Register for September

We remember in our prayers the family of Richard Lewin, whose ashes were interred in our Garden of Remembrance last month.

We welcome Amirfarham Asadi, Lucia Da Gama, William Johnson and Maddison Tinner into the fellowship of faith following their Baptism in September.

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

Gospel for Harvest Festival, John 6. 25-35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'



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 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month; please do contact Katharine if you'd like to help. 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.



We'll be celebrating harvest this week with the Parable of the Sower, a story told in three of the Gospels



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

Church Mission Society partner visit, 2nd October – Chris, Veronica and their three children will join us for worship and coffee. Chris is looking forward to meeting our church family and talking about his work in Spain. This is his first opportunity to visit us due to Covid restrictions and having a new baby.

TLC this Tuesday 4th October, 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 month, we're going to have a Bingo game! Eyes down!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 5th October, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 5th October, 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. If you are considering joining our helpers, please contact Jenny (833523/jennyklincke@gmail.com)

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 8th October, 9:30am – All are welcome!

Meeting of St Michaels Mothers' Union, Wednesday 12th October – 1:45 for 2pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Bill Hardy will give a talk, with slides, on the history of the Bishop's Stortford Workhouse. All welcome.

Meninadanca presentation, 16th October – The Charities Support Group has invited Matt Roper from Meninadanca to offer a brief presentation after coffee on 16th October, as we will begin supporting them in 2023. The charity provides rehabilitation and ongoing support to young girls in Brazil who have been pushed into prostitution along Brazil's longest motorway, the BR116. The charity runs dance classes and safe houses along with legal and welfare support to change the girls lives around.



'Cello Concert with Theo Tinkler, Saturday 29th October, 7pm – Theo will be performing Bach 'Cello Suite No.1 in G major; also music by Domenico Gabrielli and Dall'Abaco. Free admission with retiring collection in aid of roof repairs. Refreshments will be served. Please do come along and support this recital. Do also take a flyer and hand it to a friend or display it in a window!

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 6th November – All are welcome to this all age reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles.

Governors at our Church School: we have a couple of opportunities! Would you be interested or do you know somebody who might be? Would you like to join as a Governor appointed by the PCC, or perhaps as a Co-opted Governor if you have premises experience? Please speak to Val Ashwood for information.

Parish Office – The Parish Office is closed for the duration of the bell restoration works. Katharine is working from home and may be readily contacted by email, or chat to her after the Wednesday Holy Communion service.

Forthcoming Services – At the clergy meeting with the Archdeacon last Tuesday, it was decided that, by necessity, we would have to temporarily reduce our offering of Holy Communion services at 8am. **For the next few months, the team have planned 8am services in a similar way to August: ie. on the first and third Sundays of the month,** (since this is when there won't be an alternative Eucharistic service available at 10am). In this coming rich season of worship and prayer, we will be celebrating many wonderful and special services: including All Saints and blessing of the Bells, All Souls Commemoration, Remembrance Sunday, our first Choral Evensong for nearly 3 years (for Christ the King), an Advent Sequence; and a service of thanksgiving for the bells, with Bishop Alan. There will be many opportunities to share worship together, for which we thank and praise God.

The Vicar has been granted a period of leave by the Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recuperation and allow him a period of privacy with his family. In the meantime, please contact Derek or June for pastoral matters or email the Parish Office with administrative concerns.

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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