



### No Service at 8am

### 10am Holy Communion, in Church

### followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the WCC

*Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service and please stay for our APCM.*

### Collect for The Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### A Psalm for today, Psalm 104. 26-32

**Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦  
 In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦  
 and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.  
 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦  
 which you have made to play in the deep.  
 29 All of these look to you ♦ to give them their food in due season.  
 30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦  
 you open your hand and they are filled with good.  
 31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦  
 when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.  
 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦  
 and you renew the face of the earth.

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

*Creator God,  
 send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,  
 that the whole creation,  
 in its groaning and striving,  
 may know your loving purpose  
 and come to reflect your glory;  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### A reading for The Day of Pentecost, Acts 2. 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. **Today, we'll be sharing the Pentecost story from Acts.**

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



Our Ascension Day session last week



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

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

**Our APCM is in the WCC this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May after the 10am Service** – All the APCM documentation is published on the website from the [PCC page](#). There are a few hard copies of the papers, along with the finance documents available in the Publicity Area. **Please email our Treasurer, Graziana Maddalozzo, ([stmichaelsbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbtreasurer@gmail.com)), with any queries you have about the finance papers in advance of the APCM. Thank you.**

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 10am** – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

**Tiny Tots, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 11 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. **From this Wednesday we'll be gathering in the WCC but walking across to the Lady Chapel for worship.**

**Ukrainian Hospitality Support, Wednesdays from 11:30am-2pm, WCC** – Space at the WCC for Ukrainian guests and host families to meet weekly, with informal language lessons.

**Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 9:30am** – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

**Thanksgiving and Celebration for the end of the Bells Project, Trinity Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
Please save the date in your diary to join us in worship at 10am then enjoy special refreshments afterwards in the Windhill Churches Centre, up to 1pm. Tours of the Bell Tower will take place at 11:30am and 12:30pm.

**TLC Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2:15pm for 2:30pm, WCC** – An opportunity to be able to 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 month we welcome Beryl Jones as our speaker.

### RESOURCING ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Please take and ponder a letter from the Vicar, Churchwarden and Treasurer, about giving of time, talents and treasure,

Please help if you can with delivering letters personally addressed to members of HUBB (our Church Management System).

Please take one of the generic Giving Season envelopes if you are not yet registered with HUBB.

Many thanks.

**Love Stortford '23, Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – The Churches Together event is taking place once again. Would you like to join the carnival procession, litter pick, organise your own project or deliver gifts to schools? Pick up a leaflet in the Publicity Area.

**The TLC Club is offering an open invitation to their event on 4<sup>th</sup> July** – A mystery tour taking you by coach around the local villages and arriving at a secret venue for a cream tea. The cost is £25 to cover coach travel and the tea (cash or cheques payable to R Thomson to be given on booking). If you'd like to come please speak to Blanche or Rosemary as they both have a booking folder with confirmation and pickup details and will be pleased to accept your money!

**HBW 'Superheroes' 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023** – Children's sign up for children is at [holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://holidaybibleweek.co.uk) **If your children have never come along before it's definitely one not to miss!** Do join our launch night which is being hosted at the Baptist Church on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> June - with great excitement over the theme song! It's also a chance to meet the tent teams and encourage each other.

**A date for your diary** – After the recent stirring evening worship, we have chosen a date for our next **Choral Evensong: Bible Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at 6pm.**

**The Church-School Committee of the Governors at St Michael's school really needs one or more Associate Governors** – There are only two formal meetings a year. We focus on the SIAMS 'Church school' inspections priorities, RE and Collective Worship, and also promote and encourage Church links, with St Michael's Church in particular. We would appreciate more input from St Michael's Church to complement the excellent work by the headteacher Rachel Griffiths at school. The last inspection feedback (2019) is available on the [St Michael's school website](#). Hopefully we can support the school in this important area. Please speak to us at church or contact by email the co-chairs Val Ashwood and Mark Johnson ([chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk)) or see Katharine Stanley if you are interested.

**St Michael's is looking for a suitable volunteer** – to independently examine the church's 2023 accounts, starting from February 2024. The role doesn't need to be taken on by a qualified accountant; but someone who has appropriate skills and experience with their own bookkeeping or has had the role of treasurer in a comparable organisation. Please contact Katharine, Graziana or the Wardens if you feel this may be something you could help with in the future.

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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