St. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Newsletter and Notices

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

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in 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: 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 #

The church toilet is out of order for the next few weeks due to emergency repairs. The WCC will be open.

Collect for The Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 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*

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.

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A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 9. 35 - 10. 8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. **Today, we'll be continuing to hear about Isaac's family and learn about Jacob and Esau.**



Last week we learned more about Isaac and made bracelets to represent those he gave to Rebekah.

Our <u>Children & Young People</u>

website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.



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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.

Street Pastors presentation, this Sunday 18th June – The Charities Support Group has invited Street Pastors to offer a brief presentation after coffee, as one of the charities we support. Please come along and listen to find out more about their brilliant work supporting people in our town, Sawbridgeworth, and surrounding areas.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 21st June, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 21st June, 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. We now gather in the WCC and walk across to the Lady Chapel for worship.

Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford June Forum, St Barnabas Centre, Thorley, Wednesday 21st June, 7:45 for 8pm – The meeting will include a talk about an exciting project which hopes to start in September working with young people in our town; so anyone who is interested is invited to come along to listen to Michael Hunter who heads up Young Life, an interdenominational organisation whose aim is to reach out today's unchurched young people, wherever they are. Michael will speak early in the meeting so you don't need to stay for the rest of the meeting if you are not a Forum member!

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

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 24th June, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

St Michael's School Summer Fayre, Apton Road, Saturday 24th June, 12-3pm All are warmly invited to share in our church school's summer fun. There will be activities for children, stalls, tombolas and raffles, performances throughout the afternoon, and delicious refreshments. Please do come and show your support. The full programme is available on our website <u>here</u>.

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.

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There <u>won't</u> be a TLC session in the WCC on Tuesday 4th July – Our TLC friends will be enjoying a trip out for a cream tea at a surprise venue. We'll be back on 1st August.

Summer Organ Festival Concerts, Sundays in July at 3pm – Please do come along and enjoy these five concerts, with five different renowned organists. Free admission with retiring collection. Refreshments will be served.

HBW 'Superheroes' 7th-11th August 2023 – Children's sign up for children is at holidaybibleweek.co.uk If your children have never come along before it's definitely one not to miss!

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



Come and hear the "King of Instruments"

2 July - Paul Hale 9 July - Pavlos Triantaris 16 July - Jonathan Lilley 23 July - Chris Benham 30 July - Alex Jones



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.

Christian Aid Thanks – Thank you so much to everyone who donated on line or in church during Christian Aid Week. The Red Bucket collection raised **£294.50!** A fantastic total to support the great work of Christian Aid. Thank you also for your prayers.

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.

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