



8am Holy Communion, in Church

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

Please 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 #

Collect for The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; 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 97 Refrain: You, Lord, are most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. [R]

His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled.

The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory. [R]

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols.

Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. [R]

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. [R]

Most high and holy God, enthroned in fire and light, burn away the dross of our lives and kindle in us the fire of your love, that our lives may reveal the light and life we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 9. 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Music for meditation for today *Bread of Heav'n, on thee we feed*

(Words by Josiah Conder, 1789-1855; Setting by Malcolm Archer, b.1952)

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6.51

Bread of Heav'n, on Thee we feed, For Thy flesh is meat indeed:

Ever may our souls be fed With this true and living Bread;

Day by day with strength supplied, Through the life of Him who died.

Vine of Heav'n, Thy blood supplies This blest cup of sacrifice,

Lord, Thy wounds our healing give, To Thy cross we look and live:

Jesus, may we ever be Grafted, rooted, built in Thee.

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're continuing our short series on the stories Jesus told with the parable about a loving father (Luke 15. 11-24)**



Last week's parable about the Lost Sheep

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



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

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

Holiday Bible Week 'Superheroes' 7th-11th August 2023 – This wonderful annual event begins with a commissioning service this Sunday at 5pm at Windhill21. Please pray for the organising committee, the tent leaders, the helpers and especially for all the children who are coming along. There's also an open evening service on Thursday 7pm if anyone wants to see what HBW's about.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 9th August, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service will be held in the WCC.

TINY TOTS CONTINUES ALL SUMMER! Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August, 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 gather in the WCC and walk across to the Lady Chapel for worship.**

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

Tours of the Tower after the service on Sunday 3rd September – Please join us in worship at 10am then enjoy tours of the Bell Tower which will take place from approximately 11am to 12 noon. Meet at the door by the bottom of the tower or in the North Porch if it's raining.

TLC Tuesday 5th September, 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're having a surprise talk!

Holly Fair 2023 meeting – A meeting for anyone interested in being involved in the event will be held on **Thursday 7th September at 8pm** in the WCC. The Holly Fair is on 2nd December. If you can come to the meeting it would be lovely to see you. Likewise if you can run a stall or help in any other way but can't attend please give your name to one of the following. Thank you from Mireille Els, Carole Macdonald, Claire Conquest or Val Ashwood.

Parish Register for July

We welcome Erioluwa Martins and Sienna Mathieu into the fellowship of faith following their Baptism in July.

We also remember in our prayers the families of June Fayers and Joanne Saunders whose funerals took place last month.

Bike 'n Hike 2023, Saturday 9th September 2023, 9am-5pm – 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. 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! Sponsorship packs are also available if you'd like to take an active part.

St Michael's Bells Restoration – Donate a headstock for £1,000 and we supply a brass plaque, approximately 7 inches long, which will be fixed to the headstock and inscribed with a suitable approved wording, e.g. "Headstock donated by The Smith Family In memoriam John Smith 1930-2022." For more information contact Claire Conquest or Gill Johnson or alternatively please email: bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk

We have an opportunity for a Governor at our Church School! Would you be interested or do you know somebody who might be? Please speak to Val Ashwood or Mark Johnson for information (chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk).

Draft Minutes of the APCM, May 2023 – These are available via the PCC page on our website [here](#). Please contact the Office for a copy if you don't have a computer.

A plea for a wheelchair – Does anyone have a wheelchair at home that they no longer need? It would need to be in good condition and fold efficiently. If you might be able to help, please contact Gill Johnson.

GIVING SEASON THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this year's Giving Season with new regular donations, increased pledges, one-off donations, by Gift-Aiding your giving, or by sustaining your giving. Thank you too for offers of Time and Talents. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to consider your response, Giving Season envelopes remain available in church.

Many thanks from the Vicar, Churchwardens and Finance Committee.

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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