



8am Holy Communion, in Church

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

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 #

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

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 today, Psalm 22

Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,

and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; and by night also, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forebears trusted in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;

they put their trust in you and were not confounded. [R]

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

But it is you that took me out of the womb, and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

On you was I cast ever since I was born; you are my God even from my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand and there is none to help. [R]

Holy Week and Easter Services

Next Sunday 24th March is Palm Sunday and we'll celebrate **Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies at 10am** and **Choral Evensong at 6pm** for the start of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday 28th March, 7:30pm – Choral Eucharist then stripping of the altar.

Good Friday Churches Together United Service, URC, 10am, followed by a Walk of Witness through the town to the Methodist Church, in groups, holding palm crosses.

Good Friday Devotions at the Cross, 29th March, 1:30-3pm - A simple service with hymns and music for meditation.

On Easter Day, 31st March, we'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am and 10am, with an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service.

Romans reading for today:

Romans 5. 1-11 While we were still weak Christ died for the ungodly

A Gospel reading for today, Mark 10. 33-45

Jesus said: 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.' James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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.** We begin the theme of *Light*, this week considering 'Light to live by' (*Psalm 119. 9– 16, 105*)

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



Thank you to all the children in our church family who created such beautiful daffodils and prayer cards for the ladies in our congregation on Mothering Sunday.



Newsletter and Notices

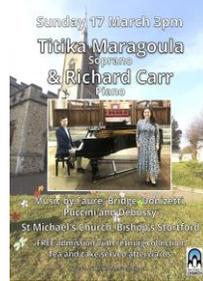


The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.
An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

From this Sunday onwards, there will be an opportunity to journey the 'Way of the Cross', with stations for reflection for all ages.

From 24th March onwards, our reflections will include a special prayer corner if you'd like to pray, light a candle or write a prayer on a paper cross and hang it at the cross.

Recital, this Sunday 17th March at 3pm – You are warmly invited to this Voice and Piano Recital, featuring Titika Maragoula and Richard Carr. Free admission, (retiring collection) and tea and cake served afterwards. For some fascinating programme notes, visit the [Music Page](#) on our website.



Lent Worship and Prayer – [See our Lent flyer on our website](#); there are a few copies in the Publicity Area too, along with some prayers and devotions which you might wish to use during this season.

Lent Reflection, Tuesday 19th March, 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel – All are warmly invited to join this final Lent session. This year our theme is *Lent Reflections on Everyday Objects*, with a reading, reflection, hymn and prayer. **This week, we consider 'A Night Light'**. The session is followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 20th March, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Wednesday 20th March, from 10:45 for 11:15am – Worship for babies/toddlers with a story, singing and instruments too! Join us for refreshments, fellowship and playtime beforehand in the WCC, if you can. **We gather in the WCC and walk across to the Lady Chapel at 11:15am for a short worship.**

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 23rd March, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Readers for Holy Week – Would you like to read a Bible passage at one of the Holy Week services? Offers sought for: Dramatic Palm Gospel 10am 24th March (young people especially welcome); Choral Evensong 6pm 24th March; Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30pm 28th March; and Good Friday Service of the Word 1:30pm 29th March. If interested please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Wednesday 27th March – These popular days of reflection and contemplation in June's home have returned. Book via June or the Parish Office.

Tower Tours, Monday 1st April at 2pm and 3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. Book at bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07773 572135.

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.

TLC Tuesday, 2nd April in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Tea and talk and a regular 10/15 minute presentation on wide ranging interests. Later 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 coming month Bill Macdonald is our speaker.

Psallite Concert with Richard Carr, Saturday 13th April, 6-7:30pm – Come and enjoy this concert, in memory of Jacqui Goddard, a long-standing member of this congregation, with an especial love for all forms of music at St Michael's.

Bereavement Journey Course, Thursdays for 6 weeks from 18th April, 10am-12:30pm – For anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. There is a series of films and discussion groups looking at grief, within a safe space. You are welcome to have a preliminary discussion with a team member: June Knight, Vivienne Emmett, Liz Puller, or email Alison Jordan on alisonfaith1111@gmail.com

Annual Meetings – Our Vestry Meeting and APCM will be held after worship on the **morning of 26th May**. The Electoral Roll will be revised from 31st March to 28th April. See notices/forms for details. If you can consider offering service as a Parochial Church Council (PCC) member for 2024-27 (5 Monday meetings annually, at 7:45pm), please speak to a Churchwarden, Minister, or current PCC member. Many thanks.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – We will split the Lent money between **Bishop's Stortford Child Contact Centre**, a child-focused charity that supports families directly impacted by separation or divorce, and **Embrace the Middle East**, a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. Further information about the charities and details of online donations to CSG can be found on our [website page](#) or ask the Parish Office for a copy.

Small part-time job available – We are looking for a cleaner for the WCC: 5 hours a week, flexible hours. If you're interested, please contact Gill, Claire, or the Parish Office.

A request for small, wrapped Easter Eggs – We're delighted to be able to offer an Easter Egg hunt for the children and young people of St Michael's after the 10am service on Easter Day. We'd be most grateful for donations of **small (Creme Egg size) individually wrapped Easter Eggs**. Please place them in the box in the Publicity Area, thank you!

In memory or celebration – If anyone in the congregation wishes to contribute to the purchase of Easter lilies, please give your donation to Claire Conquest and complete a dedication card as soon as possible.

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