



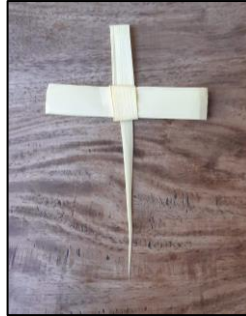
NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies, in Church

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

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Palm Sunday, Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God; he has given us light;

link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. **[R]**

You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. **[R]**

Saving God, open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER, COUNSEL AND SUPPORT

If parishioners would value the prayers, counsel and support of the church, in time of need for themselves or others on their hearts, please do reach out to the ministry team. Do speak to us in person at church services and events, or use contact details on the next page. Thank you.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 19. 28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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). **For these next few weeks our focus moves to Lent and Easter.** This week we learn about Jesus going to Jerusalem as King (Luke 19. 28-40; 22. 7-23) .

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Lent and Easter. **We also have children's activities and reflections in the Lady Chapel.**

Our young person's choir - If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmichaelsbsdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.

Holy Week and Easter Services

This Sunday 13th April is Palm Sunday and we'll celebrate **Holy Communion with Palm Ceremonies at 10am** for the start of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday 17th April, 7:30pm – Holy Communion then stripping of the altar.
Good Friday, 18th April Churches Together United Service, 10am at St Michael's followed by a Walk of Witness through the town to the Methodist Church, in groups, holding palm crosses.

On Easter Day, 20th April, we'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am and 10am, with an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service.



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday



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

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

We offer an opportunity to journey the 'Way of the Cross', with stations for reflection for all ages. Our reflections 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 by the cross.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We next meet tomorrow, **Monday 14th April.**

Holy Communion, Wednesday 16th April, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm – Held weekly in the Windhill Churches Centre, Tiny Tots is for parents/carers and babies/preschoolers in term time; **and older children are very welcome during inset days and these school holidays.** We start with playtime and tea/coffee, then songs, stories, activities and a prayer. There's easy buggy access and baby change facilities, and you're welcome to bring a packed lunch if you like. It's also ok to be late, we understand! We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 19th April, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Easter Day**, then on Sunday 4th May.

Music Setting and Sung Responses for Easter Day at 10am – If you're not familiar with the Noel Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist setting, you might be interested in [this link](#) to a stream of a local church service (timings for each item are on our [website's Choir](#) page).

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 24th April – Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 6th May in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. Next month, Roy Edwards will be talking to us about First Aid in the Home: 'Something is better than nothing'.

Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – 18th May, 11:15am: Eastertide Prayer Book Communion; 29th May, 7:30pm: Ascension Day Sung Prayer Book Communion; 22nd June 6pm: Choral Evensong for St Alban's Day.

APCM, 25th May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll is due to be renewed this year starting on 31st March and ending on 28th April, if you'd like to join our electoral roll and/or nominate for PCC election. **The old Roll will be discarded and everyone who wishes to be on the new Roll will need to fill in an application form.**

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.

TLC Club invites you to join them on their annual Mystery Outing on Tuesday afternoon 3rd June. The cost is £30 which covers coach travel and savoury/sweet scone cream tea at our destination. The pick up point is the back of Sainsburys Thorley at 1pm and then Windhill at 1:15pm. I should mention that, once we arrive, there is a short walk from the coach and so do bear this in mind when booking: bring your stick or scooter! This is always a lovely event and so do see me asap for a ticket. Rosemary Thomson.

HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4th - Friday 8th August – Registration now open for both children and volunteers for this year's event; sign up via the [HBW website](#).

Postage stamps and foreign currency collections for charity – Save your used stamps for the bucket in the Publicity Area. Stamps must have a one inch paper envelope border, or they can't be used! The Charities Support Group has an ongoing collection of currency for Mary's Meals. A further amount can be sent once we have 2kg of currency.

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – The proceeds will be added to the money raised through the Tuesday Lent Lunches this year. We will split the Lent money between **Supporting Dalit Children** and **Holy Trinity Night Shelter**. 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.

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

Are you interested in joining a home group? Perhaps you'd like to find out about what they can offer? Contact Derwyn in the first instance if you'd like to know more.

Archivist – We are looking for someone to take on the church archiving. It is an interesting, important and creative role, which you can make your own, and do in your own time. Please see Gill for details.

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!

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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