

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 15th June 2025 Trinity Sunday



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 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 8

Refrain: O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

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Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,

that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;

mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands

and put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world! [R]

We bless you, master of the heavens, for the wonderful order which enfolds this world; grant that your whole creation may find fulfilment in the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A Gospel reading for today, John 16. 12-15

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

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). Today, we'll be learning about the Trinity and considering *One God, Three persons*.

Our <u>Children & Young People</u> website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus.

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.

Last week, we learned about the Day of Pentecost and Jesus' promise (John 16. 5-7; Acts 2. 1-12) making mobiles to blow in the breeze.

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.

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.

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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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.

Forthcoming 8am services - We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on this **Sunday 15th June**, then 6th and 20th July, 3rd and 31st August.

Love Stortford '25, Monday 16th - Saturday 21st June - The Churches Together event is taking place once again. Would you like to join the carnival procession (we have 3000 gifts to give!), litter pick or organise your own project? Leaflets are in the Publicity Area.

Gt St Mary's Mothers' Union Tea, Church House, Sawbridgeworth, Tuesday 17th June, 2pm - Tickets £3, including scones with cream and jam, and cake. Raffle. bookstall etc. RSVP by 12th June to Rosemary Penketh (01279 600254).

Holy Communion, Wednesday 18th June, 10am - A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 19th June - Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

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 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 21st June, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Everyone is invited to walk with the Churches Together float in this year's carnival procession on Saturday 21st June. Join with Christians from all the churches to hand out 3000 small gifts to the crowds. The more people we have, the better we can demonstrate our unity in Christ. 10:30am at the Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road to join the procession which starts at 11:15am. Wear your Love Stortford T-shirt if you have one, or if you don't, come as you are. We also need safety stewards: if you can help contact philippa roychowdhury@hotmail.com (07941 683053).

Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) - Sunday 22nd June 6pm: Choral Evensong for St Alban's Day.

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 on **Monday 23rd June**.

1995-2025 – A couple of anniversary dates are approaching for me, and the guirks of the calendar mean I'm leading Holy Communion on both of them. 25th June is the 30th anniversary of my priesting, and we'll pray for vocations to ministry, and those approaching ordination, at the 10 am Service that day. St Peter's Day, 29th June, marks 30 years since the day I first presided at the Eucharist, and we'll mark St Peter's Festival this year too. As on every Wednesday and Sunday all who'd like to gather at the Lord's Table to hear his Word and seek his grace are most welcome to come together to do so! Derwyn.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting Tuesday 1st July in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm -Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. In July, Maggie Groves, a member, will speak to us with her talk entitled "Change of Direction".

Summer Coffee Morning: Saturday, 5th July at 10am - All welcome! Fresh coffee/tea and cakes ... plus a cake stall, toy stall, jigsaws, raffle and good as new/unwanted gift stall. Come and join us for a cuppa! Any helpers and cake bakers most appreciated (please contact Gill).

HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4th - Friday 8th August - Registration is open for both children and volunteers for this year's event; sign up via the HBW website. We have had over 300 children signing up and lots of helpers but we still need more. See the church noticeboard for specific requests.

Electoral Roll - We think a number of regular worshippers may have missed the Electoral Roll renewal, which was started again from scratch this April. Applications can be received at any time, and application forms are available in the Publicity Area.

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.

The Children's Society - Thank you to everyone who has a Children's Society collecting box. Please could you hand it in to me for counting and banking. I can pick them up if necessary. Carole Macdonald.

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