



Newsletter and Notices

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 after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 122

All: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;
Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

All: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.

'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

For my kindred and companions' sake,

I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek to do you good.

All: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

*God of our pilgrimage, bring us with joy to the eternal city founded on the rock,
and give to our earthly cities the peace that comes from above;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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A Gospel reading for today, Luke 21. 1-6

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

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 continuing our series, Good News, hearing about the Friends of God (Acts 13. 1-3; 15. 1-35).**

Our [Children & Young People](#) 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.

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

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 next page. Thank you.



Last week we learned about Barnabas helping Paul, (Acts 4. 36, 37; 9. 19b-31; 11. 19-30) and made puppets to help with the story.



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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

Preaching and worship this Sunday, 20th July will have a stewardship theme – Giving Season literature is in the cross aisle in church. Please pick up a named envelope for yourself and deliver any others if you're able. If there isn't a named envelope, please take one of the Giving Season envelopes in the Publicity Area.

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 this **Monday 21st July**.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 23rd July, 10am – A service of Holy Communion, in church. Refreshments after the service are held in the WCC.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on THIS THURSDAY 24TH JULY – 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 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 26th July, 9:30am – A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

HBW 2025, 'Once upon a time...', Monday 4th - Friday 8th August – We still need a few more helpers: please prayerfully consider volunteering. [Volunteer sign up here.](#)

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 5th August in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide ranging interests. In August, we'll be having a fundraising afternoon for the charity *Breast Cancer Now* with either Bingo or Beetle and a special raffle: it'll be £5 each for the whole afternoon on this occasion.

"Summer of Hope" fundraising Garden Party, Saturday 9th August, 2:30pm – All MU members past and present are invited to this event at 21 Cranwell Gardens. Entry £3. Please RSVP to Barbara Eldridge (with dietary requirements) by email (barbaraheleneldridge@gmail.com) or phone 01279 653753 before Friday 1st August.

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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The first meeting to start planning the Holly Fair (6th December 10am) this year is Thursday 11th September at 8pm in WCC. Please come along whether you're new or a regular. We raise money for the charities supported by our Charities Support Group. If you can help but are unable to be at the meeting please let one of the CSG know (e.g. Claire, Carole, Val, Martyn).

Forthcoming Services using the Book of Common Prayer (1662) – Sunday 14th September, 6pm: Choral Evensong for Holy Cross Day; **Sunday 26th October, 10am:** BCP Choral Eucharist for Bible/Reformation Sunday.

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of some settings available for worshippers. We'll sing the Salisbury setting by Ives on **Sunday 27th July**. If you'd be helped by having some music to sing to for these, do ask for a score when you pick up your service books. Thank you.

New PCC Governor for St Michael's School – Would you like to be a school governor? It's a rewarding and important role in a friendly team and we currently have one vacancy for September. There are 7 foundation governors appointed by the PCC at church or St Albans diocese to uphold the Christian ethos of the school as well as taking other responsibilities. See Mark Johnson (chair) or Val Ashwood or email chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk

Clerk for St Michael's School Governors – This is a paid role and involves taking minutes for the 5 Full Governor meetings as well as doing the paperwork for new governor appointments, learning about governance and working with the chair and other governors. See Mark Johnson (chair) or Val Ashwood or email chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk

Thank You! Many thanks for cards and messages, gifts, cake and good wishes at the time of my 30th anniversary of Priesting, at the end of June. It was good to mark this milestone by sharing communion for Embertide, and then St Peter. Thank you for the inscribed notebook as a gift from the parish. I pray I'll put it to good use, and then retain as a memento of the beginning of these next 30 years. With gratitude and blessings, Derwyn.

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