



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

NO SERVICE AT 8am

10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

Collect for The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 103. 1-8

Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. **[R]**

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **[R]**

*Merciful Lord, as we come from dust and return to dust,
show us the face of our Redeemer, that in our frailty we may bless your name
and praise you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 the opposite page. Thank you.



Sunday 24th August
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A Gospel reading for today, Luke 13. 10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.'

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 conclude our series on Daniel and Esther, learning about Esther saving God's people (Esther 5-10).

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.

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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Holy Communion, Wednesday 27th August, 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 28th August – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2/2:30pm, WCC – For parents/carers and babies/preschoolers in term time; plus older children in the holidays. Playtime, tea/coffee, songs, stories, activities and a prayer. Buggy access and baby change available, and you're welcome to bring a packed lunch if you like. It's also ok to be late, we understand! Thank you all for your continued support of Tiny Tots. **In these school holidays we again welcome older siblings to the group.**

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 30th August, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on **Sunday 31st August**.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 2nd September in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm At our last TLC meeting in August, as our fundraising month we made £400 to send to Breast Cancer Now, which was wonderful. Thank you to all who supported us. Our speaker in September will be Dave Perry from The Night Shelter. If you have something you could share with us one month, I am looking for talks of 30/45 minutes for 2026. Speak to me soon? Rosemary Thomson.

Talk after coffee at the 10am service on 7th September – Following a recent meeting about their work, Bill Macdonald will give a short talk about the work of the Stort Valley Schools Trust in local schools. This is one of the many charities supported by the Charities Support Group.

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 8th September**.

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).

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

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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 find the full job description and how to apply on the school website job opportunities page [here](#).

Bike 'n Hike 2025, Saturday 13th September 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 perhaps more!). Sponsorship packs are also available if you'd like to take an active part.

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.

Organ Recital with Richard Carr, Sunday 21st September, 3pm – All are warmly invited to this next recital. The organ console will be visible to the audience via screen projection. The recital will last approximately 45 minutes. Afterwards, there will also be an opportunity to play our wonderful instrument, regardless of musical experience or ability, as part of the RCO ['Play the Organ Year 2025'](#) initiative. All ages welcome! Free admission (retiring collection), tea and homemade cakes afterwards. Please visit our [Music at St Michael's website page](#) for more details of this and all forthcoming recitals.



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.

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of some settings available for worshippers. If you'd be helped by having some music for these, do ask for a score when you pick up your service books.

Giving Season – Please place responses in the post box in the corner of the North Porch. Thank you for those which have already begun to come in. If you haven't yet received a Giving Season envelope, please take one from the Publicity Area.

Is there anyone who would like to take over the very rewarding task of cleaning the church silver? Fae has been working with the silver, quietly and conscientiously for many years and a successor is required. Please speak to Peter if interested.