



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.

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.

Collect for The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 1

Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

All: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

All: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Christ our wisdom, give us delight in your law, that we may bear fruits of patience and peace in the kingdom of the righteous; for your mercy's sake. 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.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 14. 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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 continue the series 'God made the world', discovering how God made the land, sea and plants (Genesis 1. 9-13).**

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 (stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people.

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 heard about how God made light and sky (*Genesis 1. 1-8*), sharing a wonderful reflective time outside lying on rugs, looking up at the sky, then beginning a fabulous book about the Creation before coming inside to draw what we saw and share in prayers of thanks.



Newsletter and Notices

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am next on this **Sunday 7th September**, then **21st September** and **5th October**.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on this Monday 8th September – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 10th September, 10am – Refreshments after, in the WCC.

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!

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 speak to Claire, Carole, Val, Martyn.

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 13th September, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Bike 'n Hike 2025, next Saturday 13th September 9am-5pm – Participants 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 in the afternoon. 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.

Bishop's Stortford History Society's 70th Anniversary Celebration 'History Day', Saturday 20th September, 11am-3pm, Windhill Churches Centre – Q&A Panel, children's activities, talks, stands, book stall and much more. St Michael's Bellringers will be present until 2pm to talk about the history of ringing in St Michael's.

Tower Tours, Sunday 20th September, 2-4pm (last entry 3:30pm) Adults £5, children free. Contact 07773 572135 / bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk for information.

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.



Sunday 7th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 25th September – Places are limited at these days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 2nd October in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. Next month we welcome Paul Burrell, with his talk, 'Musical Mischief - the Art of Creative Composition'.

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

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.

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.

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.

Holly Fair bulb planting – Please could someone take this on this profitable work for this year's fair? Rosemary Thomson has lots of suitable bowls and a very good contact for hyacinth purchase and would be pleased to help with the initial planting and guidance of what to do from then on. Speak to her on a Wednesday or Sunday.

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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