



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion for All Saints, in Church

10am Commemoration All Souls' Service, in Church & [Zoom](#)

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

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 #

Collect for All Souls' Day

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 reading from the book of Lamentations, *Lamentations 3. 13-26*

He shot into my vitals the arrows of his quiver;
I have become the laughing-stock of all my people,
the object of their taunt-songs all day long.
He has filled me with bitterness, he has glutted me with wormwood.
He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes;
my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, 'Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'
The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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.

Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints and All Souls



A reading from the first letter of John, 1 John 4. 7-18

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

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). **We also have an older group breakout session most weeks. Today, we echo the All Saints/All Souls theme, learning how God keeps us safe, and that we can be comforted by God's love and protection, as we share Psalm 25.**



Last week we concluded our series *God is Good*, hearing about Noah and the rainbow (Genesis 8. 13 - 9.17), learning how God is kind and that he keeps his promises.

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.

Parish Register for October

We remember in our prayers the families of Eunice Crane and Linda White, whose funerals took place in October.



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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.

Night Shelter induction dates – The first round of inductions for November will take place in Holy Trinity Church. Saturday 1 November (11am & 2pm), 4, 6 and 10 November (7:30pm), Saturday 8 November (1pm), Sunday 9 November (2pm). We are looking to open on Wednesday 3rd December for overnight accommodation. Each session should last about an hour, and will be a chance for you to get to know what is expected of you giving up your valuable time to help others.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am this **Sunday 2nd November (All Saints')**, then 16th and 30th November, and 7th and 21st December.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, this Sunday 2nd November – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles. There will be an opportunity for prayers for Wholeness and Consolation with laying on of hands after the service.

Holly Fair planning meeting, Sunday 2nd November – Upstairs in WCC after 10am service. **The Holly Fair is on 6th December.** If you know anyone who could donate a raffle prize please speak to Carole Macdonald or Angela Weeks. We'll make Holly Rings as usual the week before the fair. Plans are going well but we could always do with more help. All proceeds go to charities. Speak to Val, Carole or Claire.

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on this Monday 3rd November – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We usually prepare items for sale at the annual St Michael's Church Holly Fair.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting this Tuesday 4th November in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. This month we welcome Peter Watson, with his talk, 'Working Abroad'.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 5th November, 10am – Refreshments afterwards..

Tiny Tots, Thursdays from 12:30-2:30pm, 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!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 8th November, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November – During the 10am Parish Communion service we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. Our Godly Play session will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.

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.

At worship on Safeguarding Sunday (16th November) we'll seek God's grace to make us ever more a holy, trustworthy, compassionate community, where those who are vulnerable are respected, cared for and protected. Please come and join in our prayers that day. We'll also be sharing information about what Safeguarding means here at St Michael's, and how, in varied ways, we can all be involved. You may like to visit our [website](#) for an initial look at Safeguarding in our Parish. Thank you, Derwyn and Dotun (PSO).

A free "Explore Cursillo" afternoon at Christ Church, St Albans AL3 6DJ on Saturday 22nd November, 2-4.30 pm. Cursillo is a movement within the Anglican Church which aims to deepen our faith and witness. This event is part of the Diocesan Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing. For more information and to book your place, [click here](#). If you need a lift, or help booking, please contact John Emmett or Val Ashwood.

St Michael's Recital, Sunday 23rd November, 3pm – Aleksandra Pykacz ('cello) and Shirley Wu (piano) will play a selection of music including Fauré, Rachmaninov and Shostakovich. Listen to a taster via YouTube [here](#). Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes afterwards.

Quiet Days in Albury, next on Thursday 27th November – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home; contact the Office for more information.

New PCC Governor for St Michael's School – We currently have one vacancy for this rewarding and important role in a friendly team. 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

Felsted Aid for Ukraine – The charity has urgent need of men's warm clothes, for another delivery before Christmas. Please bring items to Rosemary, 17 Stane Close.

We're looking for someone to take on the church archiving – An interesting, important but not onerous role, which you can make your own/do in your own time. Please see Gill.

Charity Christmas Cards for sale – Wide range of cards on display in the Charnley Hall, Windhill Churches Centre, on Sundays and Wednesdays; with profits to the Holly Fair.

We have a wonderful band of cleaners and are now looking for extras – We have two groups, and it would mean cleaning once every eight weeks. We meet on the final Saturday of the month from 10-11am or earlier if preferred.

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