



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

WORSHIP IN LENT: 'TEMPTATION, TEMPTATION!'

Sunday services will feature a sermon series pondering different aspects of temptation. The aim of the series is to explore something of what Scripture teaches about the different drives and desires which can separate us from God, and how by God's grace we can live more faithful, obedient lives of discipleship. This week, we consider the temptations of Lust & Listlessness.

Collect for The Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 119. 9-16

Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word? With my whole heart have I sought you; O let me not go astray from your commandments. Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes.

Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth. I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies than in all manner of riches. I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways. My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word.

Refrain: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

*Faithful God, let your word be the treasure of our hearts,
that we may delight in your truth
and walk in the glorious liberty of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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 the contact details on the next page. Thank you.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 5. 27-30

"You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

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.** This week we learn about a woman at a well, from John 4. 3-42, as well as continuing work on our Mothering Sunday gifts for every lady in our church family at our 10am service next Sunday 15th March!

Our [Children & Young People](#) website page has loads of activities to help young people get to know the person of Jesus this Lent. **There will be something new each week!**

Our young person's choir - If your child is 7 or over and interested in joining, please contact Nathan Collins (stmichaelsbdsom@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.

Last week we concluded our series on the prophet Jeremiah, and how he spoke out faithfully for God in difficult times. We heard about how Jeremiah was lifted from the well with a rope wrapped in rags, (Jeremiah 38. 1-13), acting the story; also fishing Jeremiah from the well with a magnet; then concluding by making our own prayer rags, thanking God for those who look after us and remembering God who loves us.



Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on this Monday 9th March – All welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft.

Lent Reflections, Tuesdays from 12-12:30pm in the Lady Chapel – All are warmly invited to join these sessions during Lent. This year our theme is Journey to the Cross, with an audio reading from Bear Grylls book, 'The Greatest Story Ever Told': a retelling of the Gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best, a short reflection, music and prayer. We continue **this Tuesday** with Shimon (Simon Peter). Each session is followed by a frugal lunch at 12:30pm in the WCC, in aid of the two charities supported by our Charities Support Group Lent Appeal this year. [See our Lent flyer on our website](#) for more information; there are a few copies in the Publicity Area too.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 11th March, 10am – Refreshments afterwards.

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!

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 14th March, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **Sunday 15th March, with Holy Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**, then 29th March (Palm Sunday), 5th April (Easter Day), then 19th April.

Healing Prayers – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 22nd March**.

Tower Tours, Sunday 22 March, 1pm-3pm - Adults £5, children free - no booking required: visitors can call in at any time and there will be ringers in the tower to talk to them and show them around. Contact bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk / 07773 572135 for more information.

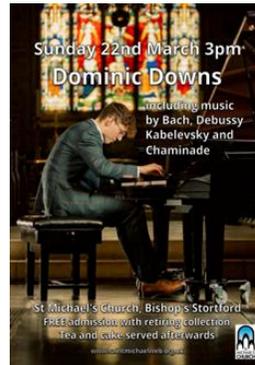
Recital, Sunday 22nd March at 3pm. A piano recital with Dominic Downs. Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes afterwards.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next on **Thursday 26th March**. We still need drivers, please contact the Parish Office if you think you could help.

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 7th April in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. This month we are delighted to welcome Mary Stock and her woodwind group.

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.



The Charities Support Group would welcome new members If you're interested in helping support charities through events, talks and distributing the funds at St Michael's Church then get in touch with CSG or Derwyn. Specifically we would like someone to work alongside the current treasurer with a view to taking over at some point. Equally if someone could regularly do minutes at our meetings (4 per year) this would also be appreciated. Our next meeting is **9th April at 7.30pm in the WCC**. Val Ashwood (Chair).

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.

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.

Food Bank Plea – Increased costs of living continue to hit foodbanks hard. Do consider whether you can donate: details on our [website](#) and church noticeboard.

Mary's Meals Foreign Currency Collection – There is a collection box in church during services for all your foreign currency, no matter how old, obscure or its value.

Postage stamps for charity – Remember to save your used stamps and put them in the bucket in the Publicity Area to go to charity. Please ensure that the stamps have a one inch paper envelope border, otherwise they cannot be used!

Lent Red Bucket Appeal from the Charities Support Group – We'll add this to the money raised through the Lent lunches and split the amount between Riding Lights and Embrace the Middle East: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Donations can be made into the red bucket or on the card machine using the button 'Lent Appeal'. More information about the charities and donating through BACS is on our [website](#), on noticeboards and leaflets.

St Michael's School News – We are delighted that our school is one of six schools in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire invited to become part of a working party exploring the RE Curriculum. Rachel Griffiths, our Headteacher, has written an article that's on the [School Page of our website](#), or ask the Parish Office for a copy.

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