



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

Please continue to keep our confirmands in your prayers as they are confirmed at St James the Great, Thorley at 4pm today. All are welcome to attend and support.

A Gospel reading for today, Luke 24. 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 116. 1-7

Refrain: *Gracious is the Lord and righteous.*

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **[R]**

The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling. **[R]**

*As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
may we call upon your name,
raise the cup of salvation,
and so proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come in glory. Amen.*

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, along with the rest of our church family, we hear of the walk to Emmaus (*Luke 24. 13-35*).

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 (stmichaelsbdm@gmail.com) There may be choral and organ scholarships for our young people.



Last week we heard of Jesus appearing to Thomas and the other disciples (*John 20. 19-31*) and told the story using mouth masks to explore Thomas' feelings and find out why Thomas knew that Jesus was real.



The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am **on this Sunday 19th April**, then 3rd and 31st May, 7th and 21st June.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 22nd April, 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 25th April, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Healing Prayers – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 26th April.**

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 27th April – All welcome!

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next on **Thursday 30th April.**

TLC Tuesdays, next meeting on Tuesday 5th May 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 Don Gibson with his talk, 'You're nicked – Scotland Yard reporting'.

Tower Tours, Sunday 17th May, 1-3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. Contact for more information via bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07971 138020.

Forthcoming Recital, Sunday 17th May, 3pm – We are delighted to welcome Titika Maragoula (Soprano) and Richard Carr (Piano). Free admission, retiring collection, tea and homemade cakes afterwards.

APCM, 31st May after 10am service – The Electoral Roll revision this year starts on 5th April and ends on 3rd May, if you'd like to join our electoral roll. If you'd like to consider coming onto, or returning to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), or offering service as a Churchwarden or Deanery Synod Representative, do speak to one of the current PCC, or Wardens' Team, or the Vicar. Nomination forms are in the Publicity Area. Thank you.

TLC Annual Mystery Outing on Tuesday 2nd June – Once again an invite is offered to join us on this fun afternoon - £30 including travel and cream tea with two pick-up points. Do speak to Rosemary Thomson asap as there are not many tickets left.

Holiday Bible Week 2026: 'Rescue!', 3rd-7th August. Sign Up for children and volunteers is now LIVE – Head over to the [HBW website](#) to secure your place for this year's festival event NOW! And visit our [website](#) for a sneak video preview of all the fun that happens each year!



Treasurer Role - Church Finance Administration – Graziana, our long-serving Treasurer is standing down from 30th June 2026, after 11 years in post. If you have accountancy/bookkeeping/finance administration skills, could you be part of a team of people who can help in some way with the work of our Finance operation? Sharing the tasks seems a more realistic plan than expecting one person to take everything on. If you might contribute to this, please speak to Claire Conquest, Peter Rixson or the Vicar, to let us know and find out more. Thank you.

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.

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.

We are looking for a pianist! A small team lead a short service at Elm View and Hazel End Care Homes one Sunday afternoon a month. Might you be able to help with three simple hymns every now and then as our regular pianist is not always available. The residents do so love a little sing!

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 below.

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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