

NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion, in Church

There is the opportunity for healing prayers in the Lady Chapel after the service.

*Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service
Our coffee time will blend into a celebratory Pentecost barbecue lunch.
All are warmly invited!*

Collect for The Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 104. 26-32

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

*Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



A Gospel reading for today, John 20. 19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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.** These next few weeks, along with the rest of our church family, we share in the church's important feast days, this week learning about the Day of Pentecost (*Acts 2. 1-14, 41, 42*).

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



Last week, after Ascension Day, we learned about Jesus going to heaven (*Acts 1. 6-11*). We all made an individual collage picture with clouds and Jesus going up to heaven and friends on the hillside.

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 other page.



Healing Prayers – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on this Sunday 24th May.**

Pentecost Barbecue, this Sunday 24th May – All are warmly invited to join us after our 10am service.

Tower Room work, from this Tuesday 26th May – Please note that work on the ground floor area of the tower begins at the end of May and is scheduled to be completed at the end of July.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 27th May, 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 are most welcome in these half term 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 30th May, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Cursillo Meeting Saturday 30th May in WCC – Anyone wishing to know more about Cursillo in the Diocese of St Albans and the weekends away, would be welcome at this meeting of the group. Please come at 2.30pm for an hour to join us for a talk, faith sharing and tea and cake. Around 20 people at St Michael's and Holy Trinity are active members and would love to share how the course has benefitted them. See John/Viv Emmett, Val/Mike Ashwood or Claire Conquest for more information

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

APCM, 31st May after 10am service – 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. Over the coming weeks the APCM documentation will be published [on the website](#) from the Home and PCC pages.

Funeral of Heather Johns, Monday 1st June at 11am – The family warmly invite Heather's church family and friends to her funeral and then refreshments in the WCC afterwards. No flowers please.

There won't be a TLC session in the WCC on Tuesday 2nd June – A reminder that on Tuesday 2nd June, our TLC regulars are enjoying a trip out for a cream tea at a surprise venue. We'll be back on **Tuesday 7th July.**

What is happening with God and Gen Z?, St Barnabas Centre, 6th June, 10am-1pm – Open to everyone: find out what God has in store for young people and leaders! See noticeboards or [tickets here](#). Guest speakers include Rev'd Daniel Drew and Josh Dean MP.

Charities Support Group Presentation, Sunday 7th June – After our 10am service and coffee, the CSG has invited Rowena Worthington to tell us about the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza (one of our Lent Appeal charities) and also about projects in Egypt.

Our craft group usually meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 8th June – All welcome!

Love Stortford '26, Monday 15th – Saturday 20th June – The Churches Together event is taking place again. Would you like to join the carnival procession on 20th June, or organise your own project? For inspiration, see [Love Stortford 2025 video](#) on YouTube. Flyers are in the Publicity Area.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **on Thursday 25th June.**

Choral Evensong, Sunday 28th June – All are warmly invited to our special Choral service for Saints Peter and Paul, at which we are delighted to welcome Canon Teresa Wynne as our preacher.

Holiday Bible Week 2026: 'Rescue!', 3rd-7th August (Herts & Essex High School) – HBW has had 356 applications for places this year! They've been able to offer places to most, but still have 31 children on the waiting list. If you'd like to help, please sign up as soon as possible. Each new adult volunteer enables up to 8 more places. **They're especially keen to hear from anyone with an interest or experience in supporting children with special educational needs.** Further information, and a sign-up form, is available on the [HBW website](#). And visit our [website](#) for a sneak video preview of all the fun that happens each year!

Communion Music – To help with congregational singing at communion, the Sidespeople have melody versions of all settings available for worshippers.

Christian Aid Week 2026 – The total collected for Christian Aid by the Red Buckets in church (not including contactless giving or online donations) was £125. Thank you all!

The church is open each day, from early morning to mid afternoon.
An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection.

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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