



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.

After coffee, the Charities Support Group 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.

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 50. 7-15

Refrain: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.

'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, for your burnt offerings are always before me.

'I will take no bull out of your house, nor he-goat out of your folds,

'For all the beasts of the forest are mine, the cattle upon a thousand hills.

'I know every bird of the mountains and the insect of the field is mine.

'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.

'Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

'Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

'Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall honour me.' [R]

Mighty God, dwelling in unapproachable light, forgive our vain attempts to appease you, and show us your full salvation in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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 other page.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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 begin a new series, *Spreading the News*. Today, we look at Acts 8. 26-40: 'Philip explains'.

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.



And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4: 16

Last week, for Trinity Sunday, we learned about One God, Three Persons (*Matthew 28. 16-20*).

Parish Register for May

We remember in our prayers the family of Terence Ball whose funeral was last month; and the family of Andy Peebles whose burial of ashes took place in May.



Newsletter and Notices



Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **this Sunday 7th June**, then 21st June, 5th and 19th July.

Charities Support Group Presentation, this 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.

Bishop's Stortford Climate Action Group film screening - The People's Emergency Briefing, this Sunday 7th June, 3pm, WCC – “A 50-minute film describing climate change and its consequences. Following the screening we aim to prompt discussions with the audience and development of local actions. Further information about the film and the organisation which has produced it can be found at this [website](#).” Tickets via [Eventbrite](#) or the Parish Office.

Tower Room work in June and July – Please note that work on the ground floor area of the tower is scheduled to be completed at the end of July.

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

Holy Communion, Wednesday 10th June, 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 13th June, 9:30-10am – 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.

Mothers' Union Cream Tea, Tuesday 16th June, 2pm – Sawbridgeworth MU invites you to afternoon cream tea in Church House, Sawbridgeworth. Raffle & Bookstall. Tickets £3. Reply by 12th June to Jenny Savage, (jms@grahamsavage.co.uk / 01279 656065)

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

Healing Prayers – are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 28th June**.

Choral Evensong, Sunday 28th June, 6pm – 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.

A Summer's Afternoon Strawberry Tea for the Tower Room, Saturday 5th July, 2-3:30pm – plus a cake stall, toy stall, raffle and good as new/unwanted gift stall. All profits go towards the Ground Floor Tower Room Appeal - which aims to transform the tired area at the back of the church into a modern space for children, with an accessible toilet next door. **Tickets £8 for scone, cream, jam (or Victoria Sandwich), strawberries and tea.**

TLC Tuesdays, next on Tuesday 7th July in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. In July we are delighted to welcome Ines Warner with her talk, 'Born under the watchful eye'.

Tower Tours, next on Sunday 19th July, 1-3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. Contact for more information via bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07971 138020.

Organ Recital with Jonathan Eyre, Sunday 19th July, 3pm – Free admission with retiring collection. Tea and homemade cake served afterwards.



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!

Help raise money towards the Tower Room Appeal – by clicking on and signing up to this easy fundraising link and raise money as you shop: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=428546&invite=7sitbt&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link You can also donate through the contactless card machine or by using the form in the Publicity Area.

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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