



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion, in Church

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

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 100

Refrain: *The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **[R]**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **[R]**

*O Christ, door of the sheepfold, may we enter your gates with praise
and go from your courts to serve you in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days. 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.

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.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 9. 35 – 10. 8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

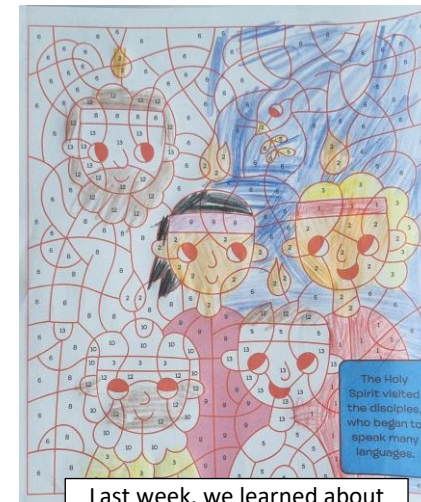
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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.** We continue our series, *Spreading the News*. This week, we look at Acts 9. 32-43: 'Peter prays'.

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



The Holy Spirit visited the disciples, who began to speak many languages.
Last week, we learned about Philip explaining the Bible to the Ethiopian (Acts 8. 26-40) and that we too can discover God through the Bible.



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.

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 to Jenny Savage, (jms@grahamsavage.co.uk / 01279 656065)

Holy Communion, Wednesday 17th 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 20th June, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Readers/Intercessors meeting, Saturday 20th June, 10am-12noon – A gathering for those who read the scriptures and lead prayers in our worship. We'll begin with a cuppa in the WCC and then move over to the church. The idea is to reflect on this ministry, to share good practice and to encourage one another. **If you're interested in joining this ministry you would also be very welcome to the meeting.** Thank you, Derek.

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

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 22nd June – All welcome!

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

Forthcoming events for our Church School – Ms Griffiths and our school community warmly invites you to share in some or all of our forthcoming events. **Summer Fayre - 27th June, 12-3pm; Music Performance 16th July, 2-3pm; End of term awards celebration/worship 17th July, 9am; End of Term Church Celebration, 21st July, 11am.** Please come and support our children. And do take a moment to enjoy the latest display at the back of the church.

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

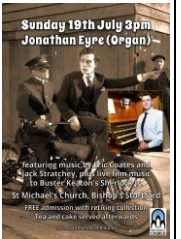
Choral Evensong, Sunday 28th June – All are warmly invited to our special Choral service for Saints Peter and Paul, at which we are delighted to welcome Canon Teresa Wynne as our preacher.

A Summer's Afternoon Strawberry Tea for the Tower Room, Saturday 4th July, 2-3:30pm – plus a cake stall, toy stall, raffle and good as new/unwanted gift stall. All profits go towards The Tower Room Re-ordering 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.

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

Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford newsletter – A copy of the latest newsletter can be found on the CTBS website <https://ctbs.org.uk/> **There's lots happening!**

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