



NO SERVICE AT 8AM

10am Parish Communion, in Church

*There is the opportunity for Healing Prayers in the Lady Chapel after worship
Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service*

6pm Choral Evensong for Saints Peter and Paul, in Church

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 89. 1-4, 15-18

Refrain: Truly the Lord is our shield.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.
For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
"Your seed will I establish for ever and build up your throne for all generations." [R]
Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
In your name they rejoice all the day long and are exalted in your righteousness.
For you are the glory of their strength, and in your favour you lift up our heads.
Truly the Lord is our shield; the Holy One of Israel is our king. [R]
*As we sing of your love, O Lord, anoint us with the Spirit's seal,
that we may praise your faithfulness and proclaim your truth from age to age;
through Jesus Christ 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.

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

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 10. 40-42

Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

An anthem for this evening, *Blessed be the God and Father*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876); Text, from 1 Peter 1:3–5,15,17,22b,23a,24

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God
through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.
But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another.
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. 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 ...



Last week, we learned about Acts 10: 'Cornelius prays', learning about how God loves our differences and that we can meet with God in prayer.

for all ages to share together; then various age related activities). **We also have an older group breakout session most weeks.** This week we conclude our series, *Spreading the News*, looking at Acts 12. 1-19: 'Peter escapes'.

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



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.

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

Choral Evensong, this 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.

Remembering Gordon Morrell and Doreen Richardson – The funeral of our friend Gordon is **tomorrow, Monday 29th June at 11am** and that of our sister in Christ, Doreen, is **this Thursday 2nd July at 2:30pm.**

Holy Communion, Wednesday 1st July, 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 the school holidays.** Playtime, tea/coffee, songs, stories, activities and a prayer. Buggy access and baby change, 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 4th July, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

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.** We would be delighted for our volunteer bakers to make plain or fruit scones or Victoria Sandwiches, (or if not, their speciality cake or tray bake!).



Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **Sunday 5th July**, then 19th July, 2nd and 30th August.

Our craft group meets on Monday 6th July in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. All welcome!

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'.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 15th July, 10am – Derek will be celebrating his 90th birthday on this day and presiding over our Communion Service. In addition, Chris and family from **Church Mission Society** are coming to share our worship and at some point afterwards tell us about their time in Madrid. Do join us for this extra celebratory service and special refreshments afterwards.

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: **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.

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 afterwards.

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

Autumn Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Communion – I've had a few enquiries from folk who've recently started coming to St Michael's, about the opportunity to prepare to receive the Holy Communion. If possible, I'd like to set up a group to do this from September onwards. It will involve exploring Faith in Christ, and preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation, as the gateway to church membership and participation in Communion. If you'd like to find out more, do speak to me, or email the Parish Office. Thank you, Derwyn.

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.

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, including a Special Songs of Praise service on 4th October, 4pm at the URC.**

From the Vicar – Please forward to stmichaelsbvicar@gmail.com any emails purporting to come from me inviting you to purchase charity e-vouchers (or anything else that sounds suspicious). DO NOT reply or respond directly to the email. I am aware of spoofing attempts via email for the purpose of scamming, so please be advised and alert to this. Thank you, Derwyn.

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