



8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word with Holy Baptism, 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 #

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 145. 8-15

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. **[R]**

The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power,

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts

and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

your dominion endures throughout all ages. **[R]**

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **[R]**

King of the universe, you show the bright glory of your reign in acts of mercy and enduring love; raise the spirits of the downcast and restore those who have fallen away, that we may sing for ever of your love; 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.

A Gospel reading for today, Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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, from the Old Testament: *Friends of God*, starting by learning about Deborah (Judges 4. 1-10, 23, 24

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

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.

Parish Register for June

We remember in our prayers the families of our friends in Christ, Heather Johns and Gordon Morrell, whose funerals took place last month.



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

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.

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

Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on this Monday 6th July – 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 8th 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 forthcoming school 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 11th July, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

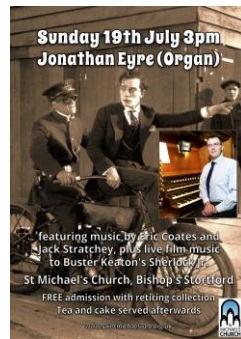
Holy Communion, Wednesday 15th July, 10am – Derek will be celebrating his 90th birthday on this day and presiding over our Communion Service. In addition, Chris and family from **Church Mission Society** are coming to share our worship and at some point afterwards tell us about their time in Madrid.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

Prayer Ministry – for healing, praise or thanksgiving are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 26th July.**



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.

New arrangements for PCC Invoices and Payments – Please note that all invoices, expenses claims, and claims for re-imburement from the PCC now need to be sent to: invoices@saintmichaelweb.org.uk. The mechanism for processing payments is changing as we go forward from Graziana's retirement, so please be patient as the new system beds in. Thank you!

Red Bucket Appeal for Venezuela – Since two deadly earthquakes struck Venezuela, over 1,700 people have already lost their lives and thousands are missing. The scale of destruction is overwhelming and families are struggling for survival. We're having a Red Bucket Emergency Appeal if anyone would like to donate to the relief effort. Thank You.

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