



## 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*

## Collect for Today

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## A Psalm for today, Psalm 112

**Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **[R]**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. **[R]**

Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes.

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour.

The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. **[R]**

*Generous God, save us from the meanness that calculates its interest and hoards its earthly gain; as we have freely received, so may we freely give; in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**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 13.1-9,18-23

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

## 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 continue our series from the Old Testament: *Friends of God*, finding out how Gideon obeyed God, and how God helps people obey and trust him (*Judges 7. 1-22*). 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](mailto:stmichaelsbdsdom@gmail.com)) We will also be starting choral and organ scholarships for our young people

## 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.



Last week we learned about Gideon and learning that God helps people to be brave (*Judges 6. 11-16, 33-40*). We decorated the angel that visited Gideon and made special headbands too.



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

# Newsletter and Notices

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

**Giving Sunday** – Please take an envelope from the Cross Aisle and give stewardship some thought at this time. It will be the subject of our worship **this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Tower Tours, next on this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1-3pm** – £5 for adults, free for children. Contact for more information via [bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk](mailto:bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk) or 07971 138020.

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

**Our craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. Next on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – All welcome!

**End of Term Church Celebration for our school, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 11am** – Ms Griffiths and our school community warmly invites you to share in our celebration. Please come and support our children. And do take a moment to enjoy the latest display at the back of the church.

**Holy Communion, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 these 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! **We would really value some more helpers ... just to assist once a month. Please speak to Shell if you're interested in knowing more.**

**Prayers for our Community, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30-10am** – All welcome.

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

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

**TLC Tuesdays, next on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm** – In August, we'll be having a fundraising afternoon for the charity *Prostate Cancer UK*. with Bingo and a special raffle, bric-a-brac stall, tea/coffee and cake: it'll be £5 each for the whole afternoon on this occasion. Donations welcome if you can't attend.

**Bereavement Journey Course, on seven Saturday mornings from 26<sup>th</sup> September** – For anyone bereaved at any time; with films and discussion groups. It's the chance to explore grief in a safe space. If you are interested and would value a preliminary conversation, please contact Alison Jordan [alisonfaith1111@gmail.com](mailto:alisonfaith1111@gmail.com) Previous guests have found the course to be supportive in their grief.



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Giving Sunday



**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](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 Songs of Praise service on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm at the URC.**

**New arrangements for PCC Invoices and Payments** – Please note that all invoices, expenses claims, and claims for re-imbursement from the PCC now need to be sent to: [invoices@saintmichaelweb.org.uk](mailto: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!

**The Children's Society** – Please could anyone with a collecting box bring it to me or to a church service, so the cash can be counted and banked as soon as possible. Thank you very much. Carole Macdonald.

**A huge thank you from Derek** for the many greetings from the St Michael's family, and the church's very generous gift, on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Thank you all hugely for making our Strawberry Tea such a successful occasion.** It was extremely hot weather for baking, helping in the kitchen, selling tickets, raffles, serving on the stalls ... and eating too! An extra round of thanks is definitely in order for endurance! It was all in an excellent cause and the final amount raised was £592.50.

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