



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion, in Church

10am Service of the Word at the start of the School Year 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 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 122

Refrain: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. [R]

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good. [R]

*God of our pilgrimage, bring us with joy to the eternal city founded on the rock,
and give to our earthly cities the peace that comes from above;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Parish Register for August

We celebrate the Baptism of Liam Vijayanesan 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.

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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A Gospel reading for today, Luke 10. 1-11

The Lord appointed seventy other disciples and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

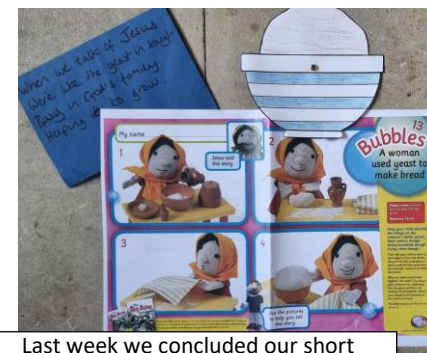
Come and share our short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service EVERY WEEK!

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 short series *Old Testament Kings*, learning how Hezekiah trusts God (2 Kings 18. 13 – 19. 37).

Could you help A Godly Play once a month? Due to one of our team needing to step down, we urgently need some extra help: please speak to Katharine if interested.

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



Last week we concluded our short series: *Stories Jesus Told*, finding out about yeast (*Matthew 13. 33*). and learning how God's family grows.

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.



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Nepal-Tibet Flash Floods Red Bucket - To help give the support required following the floods, the Charities Support Group is collecting donations for emergency aid via a Red Bucket in church. There is also a button on the card machine and donations can be made directly to the CSG account (details on church website). Thank you.

Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am **this Sunday 6th September**, then 20th September, 4th and 18th October.

Holly Fair meeting this Sunday 6th September – Our first meeting for this year's event (on Saturday 5th December at 10am) **will take place after coffee in WCC (upstairs)** on 6th September. If you can help in any way with planning, publicity and organisation, please come along. If unable to come to the meeting but happy to run your usual stall then do let us know. Thanks. Val A., Claire C, Carole M, Martyn G, Angela W.

Craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. We next meet **this Monday 7th September** - all welcome!

Holy Communion, Wednesday 9th September, 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 on inset days and 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 12th September, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Bike 'n Hike 2026, Saturday 12th September 9am-5pm – It would be great to offer a cold drink and a smile to visitors here that day: so please sign up on the sheet in the Publicity Area if you can help for an hour ... we still have afternoon slots to fill.

Christian Nurture and preparation for Baptism/Confirmation, Saturday 12th September, 10am in WCC – An initial gathering, for anyone who may be interested in this. We'll have a chat over some refreshments, touch base on where people currently are with faith and Christian understanding, and talk about what may work in terms of going forward. I hope this may be helpful. If you can come, please let me know, or if that date isn't possible but you're interested in principle, do email me. With my prayers and best wishes, Derwyn.

Choral Evensong, Sunday 13th September, 6pm – All are warmly invited to our special Choral service for the Feast of Holy Cross. If you've not come to an Evensong before, or it's been a while, do come and share in the worship – and why not bring a friend too!

Tower Tours, Sunday 20th September, 1-3pm – £5 for adults, free for children. More information via bells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or 07971 138020.



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Bereavement Journey Course, on seven Saturday mornings from 26th 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. Previous guests have found the course to be supportive in their grief.

Patronal Festival Bring & Share Lunch, Sunday 27th September – You are all invited to join us for a celebratory lunch in the WCC after the 10am Patronal Festival service. **Sign up sheets are in the Publicity Area and WCC** – all are warmly welcome!

Prayer Ministry – for healing, praise or thanksgiving are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 27th September**.

Bishop's Stortford Town Council Children's Logo & Tagline Competition – for children/young people up to age 18, to help create a brand-new identity for the town, replacing the current 'Historic Market Town' logo. **Deadline 30th September**. See more information in Publicity Area.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **on Thursday 1st October**.

TLC Tuesdays, Tuesday 6th October in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. In October we are delighted to welcome Patricia Meadmore with her talk, 'Once upon a stage'.

The Children's Society – Thanks to the generosity of the box holders, we have raised **£525.90** for the Children's Society which will help to deliver vital support to many young people. **Thank you so much.**

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 4th October, 4pm at the URC.**

New PCC Governor for St Michael's School – Would you like to be a school governor? It's a rewarding and important role in a friendly team and we currently have one vacancy. There are 7 foundation governors appointed by the PCC at church or St Albans diocese to uphold the Christian ethos of the school as well as taking other responsibilities. See Mark Johnson (chair) or Val Ashwood or email chair@stmichaelsjmi.herts.sch.uk

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