



Newsletter and Notices

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, which leads into a short Charities Support Group presentation about Holiday Bible Week, one of the charities we support.

Collect for Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 147. 1-7

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, how joyful to honour him with praise.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds. **[R]**

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his wisdom is beyond all telling.

The Lord lifts up the poor, but casts down the wicked to the ground. **[R]**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the lyre; **[R]**

Compassionate God, as you know each star you have created,

so you know the secrets of every heart;

in your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken,

all who are wounded and needy,

that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace;

through Christ who is our peace. 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.

Sunday 18th October 2026
St Luke the Evangelist



A Gospel reading for today, Luke 10. 1-9

The Lord appointed seventy others 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."

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.** Today, we're going to be celebrating St Luke with the rest of our church family (Luke 1. 1-4; Acts 1. 1,2) finding out that we all have a place in God's story.

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 (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 Epaphroditus (Philippians 2. 25-30), finding out that when God lives with his people they take care of each other, and asked ourselves the question, "Who could we help today?"



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Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **this Sunday 18th October**, then 1st, 15th and 29th November.

CSG talk, this Sunday 18th October, after the 10am service – We're delighted to welcome members of our church who volunteer at Holiday Bible Week; who will talk and answer questions about the work of this charity, which is one of those supported by St Michael's this year.

Craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. We next meet on **Monday 19th October** - all welcome! We might bring along our own current crafting hobby and sometimes one of the group shares a craft. We usually prepare items for sale at the annual St Michael's Church Holly Fair.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 21st October, 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.**

Prayers for our Community, Saturday 24th October, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

We welcome you in the name of the Lord! Saturday 24th October, 9am-12:30pm, WCC – A morning to think, talk and pray about how we **welcome, nurture and integrate** newcomers into our church. Everyone is welcome! If you have a heart for reaching out to grow our community, or you're new or relatively new to St Michael's, do come along. Open to all and no need to pre-book, but to help planning, you can let the Parish Office know you'll be coming: 02179 654416.

Prayer Ministry – for healing, praise or thanksgiving are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on 25th October**.

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **on Thursday 29th October**.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 1st November – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles. If you would like loved ones to be remembered by name, enter their names **CLEARLY IN CAPITALS** in the book by the Lady Chapel entrance and please come to the service if you can. (It will be transmitted by Zoom also). There will be the opportunity for prayers for Wholeness and Consolation with laying on of hands after the service.

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TLC Tuesdays, Tuesday 3rd November in the WCC, 2:15pm for 2:30pm – Join tea and talk and a regular short presentation on wide-ranging interests. This month we are delighted to welcome Derek, with his talk, 'Watch this space!'

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November – During the 10am Parish Communion service we will be gathering round the War Memorial in the churchyard for our Remembrance Ceremonies. Our Godly Play session will include Remembrance crafts to be placed at the foot of the memorial.

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! including Remembrance Commemorations - Wednesday 11th November, for 11am at the Town Memorial. Please come and support our children. Also, please do visit [St Michael's School](#) page on our website for a couple of really interesting articles on the school vision and our language of spirituality. Finally, please take a moment to admire and reflect on the latest school display at the back of the church.

Help raise money for the last push 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.

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

Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford newsletter – A copy of the latest newsletter can be found on the CTBS website <https://ctbs.org.uk/> **Volunteers for Holy Trinity Night Shelter** are once again being sought: please consider coming along to one of our open days (dates tbc).

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