



Newsletter and Notices

8am Holy Communion for All Saints, in Church

10am Commemoration All Souls' Service, in Church & [Zoom](#)

Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.

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 All Souls' Day

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 All Saints, Psalm 34. 1-10

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed. **[R]**

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Lions may lack and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **[R]**

Send your holy angels to watch over us, O God, that on our lips will be found your truth and in our hearts your love; so we may ever taste your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Register for October

We remember in our prayers the families of Richard Honey and Angela Smith, whose funerals took place in October.

We celebrate the Baptism of Imisioluwa Martins and Hallie Peirson last month.

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All Saints and All Souls



A Gospel reading for All Souls, John 20. 24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

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 celebrated Bible Sunday with the rest of our church family as we learned about Josiah and God's book (2 Kings 23. 1-23), seeing what happens when people do what God says.

for all ages to share together; then various age related activities). **We also have an older group breakout session most weeks. Today, we echo the All Saints/All Souls theme, learning how to be assured of God's love for us and to express our thoughts and feelings to him, as we share Psalm 139.**

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

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.

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



St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

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Forthcoming 8am services – We'll celebrate Holy Communion at 8am on **this Sunday 1st November (All Saints')**, then 15th and 29th November, 6th, 20th and 27th December.

Commemoration All Souls' Service, 10am, Sunday 1st November – All are welcome to this reflective service, with readings, choral music, prayers and lighting of candles. There will be the opportunity for prayers for Wholeness and Consolation with laying on of hands after the service.

Craft group meets on alternate Mondays in the WCC, 10am - 12noon. We next meet on **Monday 2nd November** - 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.

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!'

Holy Communion, Wednesday 4th November, 10am – Refreshments after.

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 7th November, 9:30-10am – All welcome.

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November – During the 10am Parish Communion service next Sunday 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 and our End of Term Service on Thursday 17th December at 11am.** 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.

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Prayer Ministry – for healing, praise or thanksgiving are offered in the Lady Chapel after worship on fourth Sundays each month, **next on Sunday 22nd November.**



Recital with Fumi Otsuki (Violin) and Gisela Meyer (Piano), Sunday 22nd November, 3pm – Free admission, retiring collection. Tea and homemade cake afterwards. Programme information is on our website ([Music at St Michael's](#) page).

Quiet Days in Albury – Days of reflection and contemplation in June's home. We'll be meeting next **on Thursday 26th November.**

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).

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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