



# This Week Newsletter

## Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

<b>Monday</b>	7:45pm	PCC meeting, WCC CH
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:45-9:45pm	WLTC rehearsal, WCC CH
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	1:45 for 2pm	Mothers' Union meeting, WCC CH
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30am	Paint with God Day, Albury
	3:15pm	St Michael's School Prayer Trail display
	7:45-9:45pm	WLTC rehearsal, WCC CH
<b>Friday</b>	6:20pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	9am	Bulgarian education session, WCC1/2
	9am-5pm	Marriage Preparation course, WCC CH
	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
	4:15-5pm	District Bellringing
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion
	6pm	Choral Evensong

Take a look at our website/twitter/facebook today and give us a  ; it's an important part of our Outreach!

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Fourth Sunday before Lent *Giving Sunday*

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel  
10am • Parish Communion  
6pm • Evensong

**Prayer Ministry.** There is an opportunity for personal prayer; for giving thanks, for healing or for other matters at the end of the 10am service. Please go to the Lady Chapel where two members of the church will be available to pray with you. Remember that if you are ill **in hospital or at home** and you would like a member of the ministry team to visit you please contact the Parish Office.

**Large Print Versions** of this newsletter, the Sunday readings, the service and the hymn book are available from the Welcome Desk.

**We welcome all visitors to our services today.** Please make yourself known to the clergy and those at the Welcome Desk. Tea and fresh coffee is served in the Windhill Churches Centre after the 10am service to provide visitors and regular members of the congregation with an opportunity to get to know each other better. Leaflets are available in the Publicity Area providing information about many aspects of church life.

**School Signing-in Book** – Please sign the register at the Welcome Desk if looking to apply for school admissions under church attendance categories.

*Gift Aid is vital to the funding of St Michael's Church.  
If you are a taxpayer, please place your offering in a completed  
Gift Aid envelope and place it in the Collection. Many thanks.*

Charity Registration Number 1130646

**Please turn off and do not use your mobile phones and other electronic devices during our services. Thank you very much.**

**For the latest news and information, please visit our website:  
[www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)**



# Notices

**Today:**

*Today is Giving Sunday. Please take home an envelope today from the Sidespeople, if you haven't already received one, and prayerfully consider your giving. We're focusing on funding our vision for outreach to Stortford North, and encouraging more direct giving. It's expensive to handle cash because our bank now charges £1.50 per £100 cash/cheques paid in. If you're able to change your weekly/monthly contribution to a regular payment direct into our bank, there's no charge. This also allows us to make use of a regular source of income when budgeting. Please also remember that gift aiding allows us to claim back 25% from the tax you pay. Thank you very much.*

*The Choir anthem at our 10am service is 'Love Divine' (Goodall).*

*Connect Youth Discussion Group is meeting at Thirst Café from 7:30-9pm. We welcome anyone from Year 7 upwards. We always have great discussions so do come along! For more information speak to Al Evans or Val Ashwood.*

**Don't forget to note these Youth Group dates in the WCC!** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Quiz and Challenges. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Pancake Party to raise money for the Church Urban Fund. All young people in Stortford (Year 7 and above) are welcome. Bring your friends! Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Mums of St Michael's Prayer & Fellowship Group** – Being a mum can be tough. Trade your anxiety for hope, joy and peace, in a friendly, prayerful environment. Every other Friday in term-time in the WCC, next on **22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

**Women's World Day of Prayer Service, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – This year we will meet at the Baptist Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10:30am with focus on Slovenia. Planning meetings are held 4 times a year and our next hosting will be in 2022. We are looking for a volunteer to represent our church. If you'd like to speak with Ainslie James or myself please do as we need someone soon! Many thanks. Rosemary.

**A few special events in Lent to note** – All Age Communion at 10am, then Choral Matins at 11:15am on **3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Ash Wednesday services on **6<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am and 8pm, including acts of penitence and an opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. A Taizé Service at 6pm on Sunday **10<sup>th</sup> March**, and at Parish Communion on Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> March** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing. Lent Devotions in the Lady Chapel from 12:30-1pm on Tuesdays from **12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April**, with the theme 'Meeting Jesus'. Soup lunch at 1pm in the WCC afterwards. An 'Exploring Prayer morning' of teaching about prayer and praying together on **23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Leaflets with more information in the Publicity Area, please take one home!

**Quiz Night for Nabikabala, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Come and have some fun and raise money for the building of the school hall in Uganda! Tickets £12 including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring or join a table of 8. It's at 7 for 7:30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Contact Val Ashwood on 07845 166251.

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**Can you give a couple of hours to outreach in Stortford North?** We'd love to expand the team who've been visiting new residents and giving Welcome information about St Michael's. Could you partner with one of our experienced visitors and give a maximum of two hours in March/April, to let new residents know about our church and our Easter worship? Do speak to the people who began visiting in December to find out more: Phil Smith, Patricia Meadmore, Derek and Pauline Hinge, Rosemary Thomson and Rob Klincke. If you can give a little time to this important outreach, please let me know by the end of February. Thank you for thinking about this. Derwyn.

**Save the date** – On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we will have the opportunity to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of June Knight's ordination to the priesthood. Details to follow, but do note the date at this stage. Thank you, Derwyn.

**HBW 2019 'The Incredible Journey', 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August** – The [HBW website](#) goes live on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February, so adult volunteers and children do sign-up as soon as possible to guarantee your place! There will be an opportunity to chat to some of the helpers and watch a short video over refreshments in the WCC one Sunday soon!

**Soul Survivor, save the date!** Bridge Youth Church Summer Residential 2019 is from Friday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Wednesday morning 28<sup>th</sup> August. Thankfully we've received a significant grant from the Diocese so tickets and food will be subsidised. For more information contact Lloyd [bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com).

**Bridge at Thirst is new and taking place at Thirst Café** – Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15pm. This is an excellent venue and provides an opportunity for young people (Year 7+) to meet up with friends and make new ones in a fun, safe environment. It's run through Bridge Church. Do speak to Al or Emma Evans if you'd like to know more.

**Church Opening** – On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays the church is generally open from 9:15am–3:30pm. On Wednesdays and Fridays the church is usually open from 9:15am until closing (usually later than 3:30pm). Please avoid disturbing the Wednesday 10am Holy Communion. Please can tasks and activities be scheduled within these hours. If access is sought outside these hours, please contact the Parish Office to request, or make an arrangement with a keyholder. Many thanks, Derwyn.

**Collection of Christian Prayer objects** – St Michael's School is putting together a prayer corner, and small items which the children can hold are very popular. They have asked if any of our congregation have Christian items at home which they wouldn't mind donating. Please pass any donations to the Parish Office.

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