

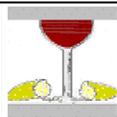


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St Mary's, through its **Charitable Giving Group**, supports AquAid Lifeline Fund's **Philip Veale Children's Centre** in Malawi caring for about 200 orphans in Gomani. AquAid can provide a whole month's child care for just £10. Ask Robin Sternberg ☎ 684588 for more details.



All communicant members of the Christian Church are welcome to receive the bread and the wine at a celebration of Holy Communion. Others are welcome at the altar rail to receive a blessing. If you wish for a blessing please ask.



For very young churchgoers: Please feel free to be in church during the services, but if you feel very distressed the choir vestry (at the back of church) also doubles as the "early years gurgling room". In there you will find a cabinet of toys. The room has glass doors so that you and your parents can see and hear services, but it also has an environment where you can feel at ease to be yourself and gurgle away.

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Details of future notices are needed by Wednesday and should be sent by email to stmarys.bulletin.hitchin@gmail.com or, if this is not possible left in the "Bulletin Editor" pigeon hole at Church House.

The e-bulletin If you wish to be included in the email distribution of this bulletin, please send an email as above. Tracy Watson



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire

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Sunday 24th September 2017 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Mary's. If you are a newcomer please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or fill in and hand to one of us the detachable section of our Welcome Bookmark. Do come and join us for coffee in Church House (opposite the North Door) after the 9.35am service.

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

8.00am – Holy Communion

President: Canon Michael Roden

9.35am – Sung Communion



Abram and Lot separate

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Setting: Appleford
 Processional Hymn: 2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies - Ratisbon
 Seekers' Song: 552 Think of a world without any flowers
 Lesson Readings: Genesis 13 read by Leslie Mustoe and John Asher
 Gradual: Psalm 105 (see page 4)
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 read by The Revd Dan Drew
 Prayers are led by: Trevor Groom
 Offertory Hymn: 709 Light of the minds that know him - Aurelia
 Anthem: Love Divine – Tambling (words hymn 721)
 Communion Hymn: 430 Bread of heaven on thee we feed
 Recessional Hymn: 650 Great is thy faithfulness

11.15am Mattins

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Introit: **2** Christ, whose glory fills the skies – Ratisbon
 Hymn: **629** Father, hear the prayer we offer
 Offertory Hymn: **650** Great is thy faithfulness

6:30pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Processional Hymn: **793** The heaven's proclaim God's glory – Ellacombe
 Responses: Ferial
 Psalm: 119:113-136 (chants page 5)
 Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:23,30-34:10 *read by Rachel Bagenal*
 Office Hymn: **20** O gladsome light, O grace – Nunc Dimittis
 Canticles: Chants page 5
 New Testament Lesson: Acts 26:1,9-25
 Anthem: Love Divine – Tambling (words hymn 721)
 Offertory Hymn: **550** The spacious firmament on high – Addison's

Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer (9:05am) is said on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The Prayer Group meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 10am in church

Tuesday 26 th September	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 28 th September	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 st October	8am	Holy Communion
<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong
Tuesday 3 rd October	10am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Thursday 5 th October	12.15pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 8 th October	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Harvest Praise Holy Communion (BCP) Festal Evensong

Readings for 1st October:

Morning Services: Genesis 15; Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 21:23-32
 Evening Service: Psalm 124; Ezekiel 37:15-end; 1 John 2:22-end



Notices

Choir Reunion: Thank you to all those who came along to make a very special reunion weekend. We have some photos to share with you on the Reunion Website <http://www.st-marys-choir-reunion.co.uk/reunion.htm> plus an excellent article in last week's Comet - <http://www.thecomet.net/news/st-mary-s-choir-reunion-memories-aplenty-at-celebration-of-hitchin-church-s-musical-tradition-1-5190264>

Already looking forward to the next reunion! *Chris Ambler*

Welcoming Visitors: Calling all Sidespersons, Pastoral Visitors, Weekday Welcomers, Church Councillors – in fact all Church Members.

We're invited to a brief gathering about how we can best welcome visitors to our lovely church. Most of us regular worshippers were once visitors for the first time – and we know that first impressions make all the difference. They govern whether we want to come again, and maybe join fully in the life of the church. Come to our short gathering, here in church, on **Thursday 28th September at 8pm**. Remember, everyone's journey begins with a single step. That first step might be into our church on a life-changing journey, and *any one of us* might be the one who makes it happen.

To help our planning, perhaps you could put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back if you can come, but don't worry if you don't get round to it – come anyway.

The Annual AquAid Lunch in support of our Philip Veale Children's Centre in Malawi will be on **Sunday 1st October 2017** at 12.30pm in Church House. Guest Speaker: AquAid's founder John Searle.

It's great that most of the seventy available seats for this lunch have now been booked, many thanks. If you haven't yet booked, but would like to (or if you have booked but now can't come) please could you ring Robin on ☎ 684588 so that we finalise our arrangements as well as we can. As we've said, the lunch tickets which we'll be handing out will be free of charge, but on the day you may like to feed our collection bowl which will help feed our children.

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for strong carrier bags, sponge puddings; long life fruit juice; dried or UHT milk; dried potato; tinned vegetables; size 6 nappies, noodles; 500g sugar; toilet rolls. They currently have sufficient stocks of pasta, rice and toiletries. Please ensure that all items are undamaged and in date. There is a collection point in church and also at both Waitrose and Sainsbury's. Further information can be found at lethworth.foodbank.org.uk
Thank you for your continuing contributions.



Harvest Festival

Flowers: We would be very grateful to receive donations so that we can decorate the church for our Harvest Festival. There are donation boxes on the pews nearest the doors and also plates at the back of church, envelopes/gift aid envelopes may also be placed in these. If anybody would like to do a windowsill arrangement, or help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you. *With grateful thanks, Margaret*

Gifts: you are invited to bring on the day

- harvest gifts for Hitchin Foodbank (see notice for current needs),
- donations to the church in St Mary's envelopes,
- donations to the Philip Veale Children's Centre in AquAid envelopes or bottles.

The open plate cash at the 9.35am Harvest Praise will also go to AquAid.



Future Events

28 th Sept 8pm Meeting about Welcoming in Church - See notice
1 st Oct 12.30pm Aquaid Lunch – see notice
12 th Oct 7:15pm Mothers' Union "Quilling – Paper Fiurgree" by Jill Thomson in Church House
14 th Oct 7:30pm Charity Concert performed by Hitchin Rock Choir in Church, in aid of The Samaritans. Tickets £10 available in advance from Hitchin Initiative.



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Natalie Berry & Philip Duncan

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Brian Castle, Adrian, Margaret Bishop, Suzie Bloom, Fraser Pincock, John Parslew, Helen Cotton, Mary Brenchley, John & Margaret Lysons, Margaret Clarke, Mavis Bird, Nick Eve, Paul Darley, Isobel Tokoni, Glynis Rogers, Marjorie Weedon, Emma Lacy, Rosemary Read, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale.

...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We pray for church members at home or in residential care: Colin Atkinson, Sheila Axtens, Charlie Boydon, Joan Burton, Jill Eve, Terence Hatchett, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, Peggy Hine, Geoff Ingram, Judith Kent, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, Irene Meek, José Perry, Richard & Lona Pope, Bill Shinn, Peter Stevens, Mark Vincent, Ron & Bertha Walters.

...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We also pray for: Anne, Pam Barber, Margaret Beddard, Dorothy Chamberlain, Richard Drury, Jean Harris, Helen, Brian Jones, Emily Kilby, Alan Lawson, Steven Marvell, Angela McNally, Jonathan McNally, Cynthia Myers, Agnes Emmanuel Odiachi, Michael Taylor, Sally Thompson, Bob Turney, Charlotte Wales.

...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We remember before God those who have died: Richard Pope, Denys Graebe, Elizabeth Cruttenden, Tina Owen, David Everest, Anita Down, Janice Forward.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

The Most Revd Thabo Magoba, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa writes; We are God's engineers and everything of meaning and importance we have accomplished in the past 24 years has been the result of refusing to be stopped by the walls that divide us , and an ability to be exceptional bridge builders.' In that country of so many inequalities still today, let us pray for those working for justice and peace as they focus especially on the poor, and also pray for USPG as its volunteers bring support.

Psalm 105: 1-6,37-45

Keith Duke



Make known the deeds of the Lord a- mong the peo-ples.

Choir: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: Rejoice in the praises of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant,
O Children of Jacob his chosen.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: Then he brought them out with silver and gold;
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.
Egypt was glad at their departing,
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to light up the night.
They asked and he brought them quails;
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: He opened the rock and the waters gushed out
and ran in dry places like a river.
For he remembered his holy word
and Abraham his servant.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Choir: So he brought forth his chosen people with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
He gave them the lands of the nations
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,
that they might keep his statutes and faithfully observe his laws.

All: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.*

Evensong Chants

Psalm 119:113-120

George J Elvey



Psalm 119:121-128

George Cooper



Psalm 119:129-136 and Gloria

J Soaper



Magnificat

George C Martin



Nunc Dimittis

E F Rimbault

