



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 10th September 2017 The Thirteenth 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

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

8.00am – Holy Communion

President: The Revd Dan Drew

9.35am – Sung Communion

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Setting: Rawsthorne
Processional Hymn: **360** Bring to the Lord a glad new song - Jerusalem
Seekers' Song: **27** Colours of day – Light up the fire
Lesson Readings: Genesis Chapter 2 *read by Amelia Ryden & Rosie Morgan-Males*
Chapter 3 *read by Helen Gimson*
Gradual: Psalm 149 (see page 4)
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20
Prayers are led by: Michael Taylor
Offertory Hymn: **453** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour – St Helen
Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine - Faure
Communion Hymn: **622** Dear Lord, we long to see your face - Surrey
Recessional Hymn: **715** Lord, for the years – Lord of the years

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Canon Michael Roden
 Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew
 Introit: **327** Awake, awake fling off the night – Morning Hymn
 Offertory Hymn: **622** Dear Lord, we long to see your face – Surrey
 Recessional Hymn: **632 (omit *)** Fill thou my life - Richmond

4:30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Introit: O sing joyfully – Batten words Psalm 81: 1-4
 Processional Hymn: **821** When in our music, God is glorified - Engelberg
 Responses: Smith
 Psalm: 108
 Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 12:21-13:16 *read by Andrew Weight*
 Office Hymn: **636** For the music of creation - Rustington
 Canticles: Stanford in C
 New Testament Lesson: Acts 19:1-20
 Anthem: O Lorde the maker of al thing – Joubert
 Offertory Hymn: **826** Ye holy angels bright – Darwall's 148th
 Anthem: Hallelujah Chorus – Handel words *Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16*

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

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| Tuesday 12 th September | 10am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 14 th September | 12.15pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 17 th September <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm | Holy Communion Sung Communion with Baptism Family Service Evening Prayer |
| Tuesday 19 th September | 10am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 21 st September | 12.15pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 24 th September <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm | Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong |

Readings for 17th September:

Morning Services: Genesis 12; Psalm 114; Matthew 18:21-35

Evening Service: Psalm 119: 41-48; Ezekiel 20: 1-8, 33-44; Acts 20:17-end



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Hyo Soog Hwang & David Huntley; Natalie Berry & Philip Duncan

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

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, 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, Sally Thompson, Bob Turney, Charlotte Wales.

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

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

Hurricane Irma - the second strongest in the Western Atlantic ever, has been deluging and battering the Caribbean this week, with Anguilla and Barbuda in the Anglican Diocese of the N.E. Caribbean particularly affected. Let us pray for its bishop, Rt Revd. Errol Brooks and others in leadership roles in that Diocese - one that is in partnership with our Diocese of St Albans. May they find strength in facing the storm and resilience in repairing the damage. God bless and comfort all affected,

Psalm 149



Choir: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.

All: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.

*Choir: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.*

All: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.

*Choir: Let them praise his name in the dance;
Let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
For the Lord has pleasure in his people.
And adorns the poor with salvation.*

All: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.

*Choir: Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks.
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands;*

All: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.

*Choir: To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement decreed;
Such honour have all his faithful servants.*

All: Sing, O sing to the Lord a new song: sing his praise.



The St Mary's Road Trip through the Bible

Join us on our Road Trip, at our 9.35 Sung Communion Services, through the early books of the Bible; from paradise to the promised land (and through the Red Sea, without getting our feet wet!).

Where did Abraham, Moses and Ruth think they were going and did they get there?

TODAY – Creation; the Fall

17th September – The Call of Abram

24th September – Abram and Lot separate

1st October – Divine Promise to Abram and The Covenant

8th October – HARVEST FESTIVAL

15th October – The Birth of Moses

22nd October – Moses and the burning bush

29th October – Moses and The Passover

12th November – The Departure of the Israelites and the miracle of the Red Sea

19th November – The Covenant at Sinai

26th November – The Ten Commandments



Future Events

14th Sept 8pm **Mothers' Union "A little light movement"** with Sonia & Edna in Church House.

20th Sept 8pm **CTH Council Meeting** in Friends' Meeting House including a presentation by Hertfordshire Constabulary on local policing, a few items of business and an introduction by Keith Garrell to the work of Christian Vision for Men. The meeting will be preceded at 7:30 by an update on the work of Phase. All welcome – tea/coffee from 7pm. Further information from John Richardson - johnrichardson891@btinternet.com or 07505 426876

21st Sept 8pm **Wives' Group Craft Work** with Diana Taylor in Church House

23rd Sept 10am-2pm **Fair in the Square for Phase** All welcome. Donations are requested of cakes, books, CDs and DVDs, raffle and tombola prizes. If anyone is able to help on the day, please contact the Phase office - 01462 422940 or kieran.murphy@phase-hitchin.org

23rd Sept 10:30am-5pm **On Track: An Exhibition of Trains Little & Large, Past & Present** at Holy Saviour Church. There will be model railway layouts from 00 Gauge to Gauge 3, model locomotives, stalls from local railway societies, rail user groups, books, children's activities and some participation from operators of rather larger railways. Refreshments will be available. Entry £3.50; accompanied children free. For further information speak to Gill Chidgey - 📞 423603. Organised by **The Friends of Holy Saviour Church**

28th September **Meeting about Welcoming** in Church. See notice

1st Oct **Aquaid Lunch** – see notice

8th October **Harvest Festival** Please note that the date of this All-Age service has been brought forward by one week from the published date. Donations and offers to help with the flower and produce arrangements would be very welcome. Contact our Flower organiser, Margaret Khinmaung or a Churchwarden for more information.

14th 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.



Notices

Brenda and Peter would like to say a huge thank you for all the cards and good wishes extended to us on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We have had a busy and exciting time with family and friends. Thank you for helping to make our celebrations so enjoyable and memorable. *Brenda and Peter Wiseman*

Choir Dinner To mark the end of summer and herald the start of the autumn choir term, our Director of Music and 19 members of the back row of our choir plus partners attended a fund-raising dinner very kindly hosted at the home of Sara and Michael Cranfield on 2 September. Supported by contributions and assistance from guests this raised £315 for choir funds, and the Choir wishes to thank Sara and Michael for their hospitality in organising another very successful event. *Ed Kisby*

Every 'Third Sunday' this Autumn the 11.15 Sunday Service will take on a new form, aimed particularly at the younger families in the community. A new approach with a morning of storytelling, crafts, singing, games, prayer and chat. A great way to meet new people, explore the Christian story and be a part of St Mary's. Come along every third Sunday at 11.15am – next gatherings on: 17th September 15th October 19th November
Please note that this means the usual 11.15 Services will now only take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month until after Christmas.

Calling
-all Weekday Welcomers,
-all Church Councillors,
-all Sidespersons,
-all Pastoral Visitors,
-in fact all Church Members.

We're all 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 again, and maybe join fully in the life of the church.

Out of the hundreds of our visitors every week, if just one family were to join us, then within a couple of years we'd find our numbers *doubling*. Think what it would take for this to happen – listen to some ideas and share your own. 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 12.30 in Church House. Guest Speaker: Aquaid's founder John Searle.

- We'll be issuing tickets for the lunch but they will be **free of charge** – confidently depending on your generosity to contribute on the day whatever you feel is affordable and worthy for the support of our children. In the same spirit, all the cost of the lunch is being donated, so that every penny we receive will go to the Children's Centre.
- We have a space limit of 70 seats, so could you please book your place on the sign-up sheet at the back of church (or 📞 684588) as soon as you can.
- For practical reasons this year, we are holding the lunch one week before our Harvest Festival, which traditionally is another occasion for generosity as well as thanksgiving.

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.*



St Mary's Contacts

- Team Rector and Vicar – Canon Michael Roden ☎ 452758 in the first instance, otherwise ☎ 434017. Please send all mail to Church House. Michael's day off is Wednesday.
- Part-time Curate – The Revd Dan Drew ☎ 07738 553264
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- Team Rector's Secretary - Dorothy Grieves ☎ 432951
- Churchwardens – Derry Charman ☎ 420665, Warwick Wigger ☎ 437523, Anne Senchal ☎ 641745
- Director of Music – Alan Childs ☎ 01582 883420 email: a.j.childs@btinternet.com
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- Home Communion Requests: Pauline Sadler ☎ 636265
- St Mary's Facebook Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchHitchin>
- *All contacts are published monthly in the Bulletin Supplement.*



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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