



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 12th November 2017 Remembrance Sunday

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 Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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



The Departure of the Israelites
The Miracle of the Red Sea

President: Canon Michael Roden
Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: **581** Lord of Lords and King eternal – St Helen
Seekers' Song: **725** Make me a channel of your peace – St Francis
Lesson Reading: Exodus 13:17-22 *read by Lesley Davies*
Exodus 14:15-31 *read by Trevor Groom*
Gradual: Psalm 70 (see page 4)
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 *read by John Eve*
Prayers are led by: Nick & Amanda Evans-Pughe
Offertory Hymn: **577** Eternal God, before whose face we stand –
Unde et memores

Please take your bulletin home

Anthem: For the fallen – Archer
 Communion Hymn: **462** Soul of my Saviour – Anima Christi
 Recessional Hymn: **546** O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder –
 How great thou art

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Canon Michael Roden
 Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew
 Introit: **581** (omit *) Lord of Lords and King eternal – St Helen
 Offertory Hymn: **725** Make me a channel of your peace – St Francis
 Final Hymn: **546** O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder –
 How great thou art

2:30pm Royal British Legion Remembrance Service

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Speaker: Dr Iqbal Hussein from the National Archives

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 14 th November	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 th November	12.15pm 10am	Holy Communion Holy Communion at Park House
Sunday 19 th November <i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Third Sunday Evening Prayer
Monday 20 th November	10am	Holy Communion at Westborne Care Home
Tuesday 21 st November	10am 1pm	Holy Communion Funeral of Julian Bedingfield RIP
Thursday 23 rd November	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th November <i>Christ the King</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Mattins Choral Evensong

Readings for 19th November:

Morning Services: Exodus 19; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; Matthew 25:14-30

Evening Service: Psalms 89:19-37; 1 Kings 1:15-40; Revelation 1:4-18



Prayers for people

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Gill Shinkins, Fiona Manning, Margaret Tait, Joan King, Lewis, Mary Godfrey, Ann Agar, Laurie Osborne, Brian Castle, Adrian Hinksman, 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, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, Peggy Hine, Geoff Ingram, Judith Kent, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, Irene Meek, José Perry, 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.

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We remember before God those who have died: Margaret Gregory, Julian Bedingfield, Terence Hatchett, 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

Christian Aid reminds us that the next round of Climate change talks are taking place in Bonn - Nov 6th - 17th. Let us pray that those most affected by climate change will be heard loudest as they call for climate justice. God of wisdom we pray for justice to flow at these talks as we pray for your kingdom to come.

Psalm 70

Alan Rees



O Lord, make haste to help_ us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Choir: O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Choir: Let those who mock me and deride me
turn back because of their shame.
But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say always,
"Great is the Lord!"

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Choir: As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**



Future Events

16th Nov 7:30pm **Wives' Group Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper** in Church House. Tickets £8 each from Sonia Ayres – ☎ 456414. Raffle tickets £1 per strip. Please bring your own drinks. Proceeds to Neonatal Unit at Lister Hospital.

16th Nov 8pm (tea/coffee from 7:30pm) **Churches Together in Hitchin AGM** in Walsworth Road Baptist Church. The meeting will be in two parts – at 8pm a presentation by Geraint Edwards, Headteacher of The Priory School, on the joys and challenges of being in secondary education at the moment. 8:45pm CTH Annual General Meeting when reports on the past year will be received and appointments and plans made for 2018. All are welcome at either or both parts of the meeting. Further information from John Richardson, Secretary of CTH, on ☎07505 426876 or 435595.

18th Nov 10am-1pm **St Mary's Gift Day** (see Notice)

18th Nov 4.45pm-7pm **Christian Muslim Storytelling** at St Thomas', Letchworth.

As part of Interfaith Week Khayaal Theatre and Letchworth Islamic Society have an afternoon of dramatic inspiring performance of wise tales:

*Flight to Abyssinia: How Negus a Christian king, granted safe haven to the Muslim community.

*The Sultan & the Saint: The story of St Francis and Sultan Al-Kamil of Egypt against the backdrop of the crusades.

Further information and tickets (£8 adults, £4 children) from ☎07404 558259

25th Nov 7:30pm **Hitchin Symphony Orchestra Concert** in Church.

Programme includes Mozart: Overture: Cosi fan tutte; Paul Ibbotson: Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra, Beethoven: Symphony No. 7

Tickets: Adults: £14 (concessions: £12) **Advance tickets £12 (concessions:**

£10) if bought by Wed 22nd Nov Under 16: free Available by ☎458614 or

Hitchin Town Centre Initiative More details www.hitchinsymphony.org.uk

30th Nov 7.30pm **'Comedians & Carols'** in Church. Something funny in our Church... Top-class 'Stand up' comedy combined with festive family fun. Comedy, carols and Christmas - what's not to like? Tickets available online from <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/420799> & Hitchin Initiative, Churchyard. £10/children 11+ £5, Family ticket £20. Mulled Wine and mince pies from 7pm.

9th-10th Dec 12noon-6pm **The 21st Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival** at Holy Saviour - admission £4, accompanied children free.

Come and see the display of 50 beautifully decorated trees in a lovely setting, with seasonal music from local musicians and choirs. Excellent home cooked lunches and teas available.

On the Saturday morning, 10.30am-11.30am, the festival will be open for disabled visitors and their carers who may prefer a quieter time to enjoy the display.

Friday 8th Dec 6.30pm-9pm - the weekend begins with the Festival Preview Evening and Concert (7.45pm) of seasonal music from Holy Saviour Church Choir and the Radcliffe Singers. Mulled wine and light refreshments included!

Tickets £12, available from 📞 712212: toryevans@greatgreen.plus.uk

Further info: ctf@holysaviourhitchin.org.uk and

www.facebook.com/HitchinChristmasTreeFestival/



Notices

St Mary's Gift Day: Saturday, 18th November. Details of this event, and the reasons for holding it this year, are in the pink sheet enclosed with your Bulletin. Copies are also available at the back of the Church. Please take one home and consider whether you can help to keep St Mary's thriving.

On Sunday 19th November Hoffer Tsang, an organ student of mine from Bedford School, will be playing the organ for much of the 9.35am service. After the service, Hoffer will play J S Bach's Toccata in C major and the Fugue in G minor by Marcel Dupre. These pieces will last for approximately 10 minutes and it would be lovely if you felt able to delay the dash to coffee and listen to his performances. *Alan Childs*

St Mary's Autumn Fair I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Autumn Fair. It was a great effort and we raised over £1400 pounds which all helps towards our expenses. It was a nice day and several people commented on the pleasant atmosphere in church. Thanks again.
Derry Charman

St Mary's Fair on 28th October raised a grand total of £1431 for Church funds. Most helpers like to know the amount raised on their stall, so here's the detail (rounded to the nearest £ as always): Books £88; Bottle Stall £102; Bric-a-brac £133 plus £38 for 'premium pre-loved items'; Cakes £144; Cards £31; Jewellery £45; Plants £13; Price-the-bike £33; Raffle £94; Refreshments £217; St Mary's Bags £24; Tombola £105; Tower visits £233; Toys £31. There were also contributions of £100 from the other stalls. *Colin & Lesley Davies*

Lister Hospital - need people to help move patients from wards to the chapel on Sunday mornings 9am-12noon. If you are interested in helping please contact John Richardson johnrichardson891@btinternet.com

Looking For "Somewhere To Go" This Christmas? Nowhere to go this Christmas? Then you are welcome to join us for Christmas food, festive fun and good company at Walsworth Road, Baptist Church.

Join us: Christmas day: 11am-5pm; Boxing day: 10am-4pm; New Year's Day: 10am-4pm. For booking, donations or volunteering contact Leigh ☎ 07931 833838 or Donald 07737 451105 bof_biblewaychurch@yahoo.co.uk

Hitchin Foodbank: The Trusell Trust have written to thank everyone for all their generous donations. They have had an excellent response to their recent appeal for food from Harvest Festival celebrations across the area, and they no longer have any immediate shortages.

In the five weeks leading up to Christmas they will be providing Christmas food parcels and would like donations of tinned ham; Christmas Puddings; Christmas Cake; boxes of biscuits; 150/200g bars of chocolate; snacks & nibbles (eg peanuts); Christmas Crackers. Please ensure these are undamaged and in date.



St Mary's Contacts

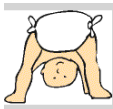
- Team Rector and Vicar – Canon Michael Roden ☎ 452758 in the first instance, otherwise ☎ 434017. Please send all mail to Church House. Michael's day off is Wednesday.
- Part-time Curate – The Revd Dan Drew ☎ 07738 553264
- Parish Office ☎ 452758 email: hitchinparishoffice@btinternet.com
- Team Rector's Secretary - Dorothy Grieves ☎ 432951
- Churchwardens – Derry Charman ☎420665, Warwick Wigger ☎674172, Anne Senechal ☎641745
- Director of Music – Alan Childs☎ 01582 883420 email: a.j.childs@btinternet.com
- Verger – Andrew Rogers ☎ 07824 363472 Andrew's days off are Wednesday & Thursday. For access on these days and outside normal hours please contact a Churchwarden.
- 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 over 150 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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The e-bulletin If you wish to be included in the email distribution of this bulletin, please send an email as above. Tracy Watson