



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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The Summer Holiday Bulletin 2017 Sundays 13th, 20th, 27th August 2017

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.



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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Services on 13th August 2017

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

**Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: **621** Dear Lord and Father of mankind - Repton
Lesson Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 *read by Elaine Howe*
Romans 10:5-15 *read by Heather Fuller*
Gradual: **664** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – St Peter
Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 *read by The Revd Dan Drew*
Prayers are led by: Brenda Wiseman
Offertory Hymn: **819** To the name of our salvation - Oriel
Communion Hymn: **451** Just as I am – Saffron Walden
Recessional Hymn: **593** At the name of Jesus - Camberwell

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Dan Drew
Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Introit: **621** Dear Lord and Father of mankind - Repton
Offertory Hymn: **664** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – St Peter
Final Hymn: **593** (omit *) At the name of Jesus - Camberwell

6:30pm Evening Prayer with hymns

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Processional Hymn: **812** Through all the changing scenes of life - Wiltshire
Responses: Said

Psalm: 86
Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 11:41-12:20 *read by Rachel Bagenal*
Office Hymn: **19** Now as the evening shadows fall - Herongate
Canticles: Said
New Testament Lesson: Acts 14:8-20
Offertory Hymn: **739** Now thank we all our God – Nun Danket

Services on 20th August 2017 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

**Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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: The Revd Dan Drew

9.35am – Sung Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Hilary Oakley
Organist: Steven Smith
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: **691** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun - Truro
Lesson Readings: Romans 11. 1-2a,29-32 *read by Sarah Free*
Gradual: **649** God of mercy, God of grace - Heathlands
Gospel Reading: Matthew 15. 21-28 *read by Canon Michael Roden*
Prayers are led by: Fiona Manning
Offertory Hymn: **721** Love divine, all loves excelling – Love Divine
Communion Hymn: **358** Be still for the presence of the Lord – Be still
Recessional Hymn: **507** We have a gospel to proclaim – St Fulda

11.15am Mattins

Officiant: Canon Michael Roden
Preacher: The Revd Hilary Oakley
Introit: **691** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun - Truro
Hymn: **486** Christ is the King - Vulpius
Offertory Hymn: **507** We have a gospel to proclaim – St Fulda

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher:	Canon Michael Roden
Responses:	Said
Psalm:	86
Old Testament Lesson:	2 Kings 4:1-37 <i>read by Barry Arends</i>
Canticles:	Said
New Testament Lesson:	Acts 16:1-15

Services on 27th August 2017 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

President & Preacher:	The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Setting:	Appleford
Processional Hymn:	2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies - Ratisbon
Lesson Readings:	Exodus 1:8-2:10 <i>read by Elizabeth Cranfield</i> Romans 12:1-8 <i>read by Leslie Mustoe</i>
Gradual:	386 Praise we now the word of grace - Savannah
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 16:13-20 <i>read by The Revd Dan Drew</i>
Prayers are led by:	Imogen Richardson
Offertory Hymn:	604 Brother, sister, let me serve you – Servant Song
Communion Hymn:	712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us – Living Lord
Recessional Hymn:	421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus – All for Jesus

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
 Introit: **2** Christ, whose glory fills the skies - Ratisbon
 Offertory Hymn: **604** Brother, sister, let me serve you – Servant Song
 Final Hymn: **421** All for Jesus, all for Jesus – All for Jesus

6:30pm Evening Prayer with hymns

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Processional Hymn: **608** Christ is our cornerstone - Harewood
 Responses: Said
 Psalm: 95
 Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 6:8-23 *read by Barry Arends*
 Office Hymn: **322** Around the throne of God a band - Solothurn
 Canticles: Said
 New Testament Lesson: Acts 17:15-end
 Offertory Hymn: **394** Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! - Woodlands

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 15 th August	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th August	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th August		See page 3
Tuesday 22 nd August	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th August	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th August		See page 4
Tuesday 29 th August	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 31 st August	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 rd September <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong

Readings for 3rd September:

Morning Services: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b; Romans 12:9-end; Matthew 16:21-end.

Evening Service: Psalm 105:1-15; 2 Kings 6:24-25; 7.3-end; Acts 28:1-16.



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Joanna Stone & Richard Gould; Sophie Anderson & Danny Corcoran; Hyo Soog Hwang & David Huntley; Natalie Berry & Philip Duncan

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Alan Lawson, Suzie Bloom, Fraser Pincock, John Parslew, Helen Cotton, Peggy Hine, Denys Graebe, Mary Brenchley, John & Margaret Lysons, Helen Dalkins, Rosemary Wilson, Margaret Clarke, Mavis Bird, Tina Owen, Nick Eve, Paul Darley, Isobel Tokoni, Glynis Rogers, Marjorie Weedon, Colin Atkinson, Emma Lacy, Rosemary Read, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale, Michael Taylor.

We pray for church members at home or in residential care: Sheila Axtens, Charlie Boydon, Joan Burton, Jill Eve, Terence Hackett, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, 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, Gareth, Jean Harris, Luke Heaphy, Helen, Carolyn Herbert, Jonathan, Brian Jones, Emily Kilby, Steven Marvell, Angela McNally, Jonathan McNally, Monika, Cynthia Myers, Agnes Emmanuel Odiachi, Linda Page, 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: David Everest, Anita Down, Adrian Haigh, Olga Martin, Diana Hulme, Janice Forward.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

On 13th August

This year marks 10 years since the Gaza blockade began. Christian Aid relates the change the blockade has made to a farmer who used to travel from Gaza to Israel to sell his goods. He had been much helped by Christian Aid in farming techniques, but his greenhouse was destroyed in 2014 shelling. Let us pray for all parties to stop targeting civilians and for healing and hope to return, and for an end to the blockade.

On 20th August

CMS has two mission partners in Nepal where the Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) has celebrated its 30th birthday this year. The Centre provides international style education for children aged 4 - 18 years. The birthday celebrations drew over 1000 students and hundreds of staff, who had faced political, spiritual and environmental challenges over the years. Let us pray that the Centre's life enhancing work may continue and be a strong witness to God's love.

On 27th August

This is the week-end of the Greenbelt Festival. Its theme this year is 'The Common Good' and USPG will have a stall there to focus on the environment and climate change. The Most Revd Dr Winston Halapua from Tonga has been invited by USPG to share experience of rising sea levels and exodus of its people from the islands of Polynesia. Dear Lord, help us to stand in solidarity with the islanders' situation and to promote the 'Common Good' in whatever way we can.



Future Events

15th August 7:30pm **Wives' Group Coffee Evening** at the home of Jen Leathers, 2 Willoughby Way, Hitchin

9th Sept **Bike 'n Hike Day** see notice.

9th Sept 7:30pm **Grand Organ Gala with Choir Reunion** in Church. All are welcome, admission is free. As well as singing from the current choir there will also be an organ recital featuring previous choirmasters, organists and organ scholars who have played at St Mary's over the years. This includes Iain Farrington, Tim Gray, Roger Harrison, Peter Noyce, Martin Penny, Anthony Smith, Mike Webb and our three Junior Organ Scholars, Rose Norris, Tristan Rodway and James Watson. **A website has been set up at www.st-marys-choir-reunion.co.uk which contains full details of the reunion along with other events taking place over the weekend of 8th-10th September.**

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

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



Notices

20th August: The pulpit flowers are given today by Peter and Brenda Wiseman for the glory of God and on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary and in grateful thanks for the opportunity to spend 50 years together in love and friendship. They also give thanks for the 16th wedding anniversary of their daughter Jennifer to David on 18th August, and for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of David's parents, Elaine and Richard, who were married in St Mary's (coincidentally on the same day as Peter and Brenda)! *We extend our warmest congratulations to them all!*

27th August: The pulpit flowers are given today by John Fairweather for the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife Jean.

Congratulations to our Senior Organ Scholar, Rose Norris who recently gained Distinction in her Grade 6 organ exam.

Saturday 9th September is Bike 'n Hike Day when we're challenged by Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust to visit – on foot or bike – any number of churches in this area, as many as you can or wish, and at the same time to raise funds by sponsorship. Half of what you raise will go to the church of your choice, and the other half to the Trust to offer grants for church repairs.

- **Like to take part?** Please pick up a Sponsorship Pack at the back of church, or ring as below.
- **Care to help for an hour or two?** Put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back. We welcome Bikers and Hikers who come to St Mary's on the day, sign their forms and offer them a drink.

Many thanks, *Trevor Groom and Wendy Sternberg 684588*

Macmillan Cancer Support Proceeds from the Hitchin Town Centre collection on Saturday 29th July amounted to £712 – this figure includes £190 from the cake stall in the market. Many thanks to those from St Mary's who contributed in any way. It is interesting to note that the total of the last 10 years alone of this collection is £6,865 which reflects well on the good citizens of this town! *Jimmy & Christa Dawson.*

9.35 coffee rota - so that coffee time runs smoothly after the 9.35 service, we could really use a couple more volunteers on the first Sunday of the month. It is not an onerous task and it gives you a chance to meet lots of new friends. Please talk to one of the church wardens for more information

New improved Fire Safety training - please apply! In the Autumn the Fabric Committee will be offering courses for extra training in fire safety and use of extinguishers. More volunteers from the congregation are needed so that we have a sizeable group available to help with the larger services and events in Church. This is a very important project and forms part of the new plans for the safety of the building, so if you are able to take part please contact a Warden or sign the list at the back of the Church.

Richard Gould and Jo Stone wedding! As you will have heard in the wedding banns in recent weeks, we are getting married! Our special day is Saturday 19th August, and we would love for as many of the congregation to join us to celebrate our marriage which is at 12 noon. *Richard and Jo.*

Choral and RSCM Summer Activities: Several of St Mary's Choristers will be spending part of the summer travelling to perform at locations around the country.

Choir alumni **Tim Cranfield and Heather Fuller** will be attending the Millennium Youth Choir's summer course at **Lincoln Cathedral** (including daily services) from **14th-20th August**. On **Wednesday 16th August** the choir will be singing **Choral Evensong, broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 at 3.30pm**, to include anthems by Bach and Tallis, responses by Shephard and Canticles by Mathias.

James Watson will be attending the National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain course in Cumbria, and performing in the Under 13 Orchestra concert in **Leeds Town Hall on 19th August**.

Ben and James Watson will be taking part in National Youth Choirs of Great Britain courses, with Ben performing in the NYC Training Choir (South) concert in **Saffron Hall, Saffron Walden on 20th August**, and James performing in the NYC Boys' Choir concert in **Birmingham Town Hall on 27th August**.

Max Abbatt and Ben Watson will be attending the RSCM Course at Kingswood School, Bath, from **21st-27th August**, including final weekend services in **Bath Abbey**.

If you are visiting any of these locations during the above times, you will be very welcome to attend the relevant Services and Concerts. *Ed Kisby*

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for strong carrier bags. Also required is sponge puddings; long life fruit juice; dried milk; dried potato; tinned vegetables; sauce for pasta; longlife milk; noodles; 500gm sugar; toilet rolls. They are currently over supplied with pasta and rice. 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 letchworth.foodbank.org.uk *Thank you for your continuing contributions.*



Giving to our World



Announcing our

Annual Aquaid Lunch

always a very cheerful event,
in Church House starting at 12.30 on

Sunday 1st October 2017

(Not 15th October as originally planned)

Guest Speaker: Aquaid's founder John Searle

Aquaid is a wonderfully generous charity with all its income going into its work in Malawi, and *nothing* deducted for expenses which are covered privately by its Trustees.

Acting in this spirit, we are privately meeting the cost of our lunch, and, rather than charging £10 in advance as previously, we are simply inviting donations on the day, confidently relying on your generosity to contribute whatever you feel is affordable and appropriate for the support of our Philip Veale Children's Centre which is run for us by Aquaid.

We do however have to control the number attending so that we can purchase foods without waste, and there is a space limit of 70 seats.

We'd therefore like you to book your places well in advance on the sign-up sheets at the back of church - or ring 01462 684588

St Mary's Charitable Giving Group



Giving to our World



Supporting over 150 orphans in Gomani, Malawi,
The Philip Veale Children's Centre
run for us by Aquaid

As we've said before:

- 100% of the Centre's costs are covered by us at St Mary's, along with connected friends and families,
- 100% of what we give goes into a special Gomani Restricted Fund held by Aquaid for the benefit of our Centre, and
- 100% of what is paid out from the Gomani Fund goes directly into care of our children - nothing is diverted to cover the charity's overheads.

We welcome support for this excellent cause, backed by the long-term endorsement of our Church Council, with gifts of all kinds, for instance:

- Regular Standing Orders of any amount, often Gift-Aided, which account for over half our contributions
- Single Donations, with optional Gift Aid
- Coin bottles for collecting any amounts, small or large, of your loose change
- Some have been most imaginative with Aquaid Gift Tokens sent to friends in lieu of presents, sale of garden produce, private parties with a collection bowl and various other ideas - ask us for any support.

We specially welcome gifts however modest from as many as possible of our members as this shows the whole-hearted support of the whole church.

MUCH GIVEN - MORE ALWAYS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED
Full details from Rachel (684220), Lois (436426) or Robin (684588)

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