



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 The Eighteenth 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. At this afternoon's service we welcome in baptism Charlotte Andreas & Joseph Williamson

### ***The Collect***

**Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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**

The Birth of Moses



President: Canon Michael Roden  
Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs  
Setting: Appleford  
Processional Hymn: **766** Praise my soul, the King of heaven – Praise my soul  
Lesson Reading: Exodus 2 *read by Gina & Max Abbatt*  
Gradual: Psalm 106 (see page 4)  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 *read by The Revd Dan Drew*  
Prayers are led by: Wendy Hazelwood

Offertory Hymn: **436** Christians, lift your hearts and voices – Alleluia  
 Dulce Carmen  
 Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway – Purcell (see page 4)  
 Communion Hymn: **429** Bread is blessed and broken – Grace in  
 Essence  
 Recessional Hymn: **488** Church of God, elect and glorious – Lux Eoi

## 11.15am Third Sunday

Led by: Canon Michael Roden & The Revd Dan Drew

## 3:30pm Baptisms

## 6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew  
 Responses: Said  
 Psalm: 139:1-18  
 Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-18 *read by Jimmy Dawson*  
 Canticles: Said  
 New Testament Lesson: 1 John 3:1-15

## 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 17 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Mattins Evensong
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October <i>The Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 5pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong "In Loving Memory" <i>N.B. Note earlier time.</i>

### Readings for 22<sup>nd</sup> October:

Morning Services: Exodus 3:1-20; Psalm 99; Matthew 22:15-22  
 Evening Service: Psalm 142; Proverbs 4:1-18; 1 John 3:16-4:6



## Prayers for people

**We pray for all who are to be baptised, including:** Charlotte Andreas and Joseph Williamson

**We pray for all who are ill, and by name for:** Ann Agar, Laurie Osborne, 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, 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.

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

**We remember before God those who have died:** 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

CMS supports a training college in Miridi Diocese, South Sudan. The College includes theology courses, and vocational training and has a staff member from England teaching English. Despite the turmoil of civil war in South Sudan, 100 students did manage to gain diplomas this year. Let us pray for the college as it struggles on and for the courage and commitment of its members, and thank God for their example.

# Psalm 106:1-5

Colin Mawby



*Choir: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.*

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.**

Choir: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
for his faithfulness endures forever.  
Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord  
or show forth his praise?  
Blessed are those who observe what is right  
and always do what is just.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.**

Choir: Remember me, O Lord,  
in the favour you bear for your people;  
visit me in the day of your salvation;  
that I may see the prosperity of your chosen  
and rejoice in the gladness of your people,  
and exult with your inheritance.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.**

## Sung Communion Anthem

**Rejoice in the Lord, alway – Henry Purcell (c.1659-95)**

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men:

The Lord is at hand.

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

Be careful for nothing:

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

*Philippians 4:4-7*



## Future Events

16, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am-2pm **Hate Crimes Awareness Week** with Events and Speakers in the Market Place. Police, Ethnic Forum, Football club, children's groups and even a pet dog are among the presenters. There will be information on how to report Hate Crime effectively and where. An opportunity to learn... Jenny Nicholson on behalf of NHIF

19<sup>th</sup> Oct 7:30pm **North Herts Interfaith Forum AGM** at Walsworth Road Baptist Church. Followed at 8:15pm by a talk from Mr Dev. Delay, a local community worker, historian and novelist on the subject "**Immigrant integration into UK society**". All welcome. The Forum aims to provide opportunities to grow together within a framework of respect for each others' faiths. To promote understanding by sharing. To learn with and from each others' culture. Contact: northhertsinterfaithforum@yahoo.co.uk

19<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm **Wives' Group "All the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men"** by Keith Baldwin in Church House, with a special invitation to any gentlemen who wish to attend.

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 7pm **Concert by The Ensemble of Friends and Double Take** in aid of St Mary's and Ashurst Supported Living Service, Hitchin. After last year's successful visit, look forward to a delightful evening of a cappella singing including many classics old and new. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £10, concessions £8 from your Churchwardens and Hitchin Initiative in the Churchyard.

28<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am-2pm **St Mary's Autumn Fair** in Church. (see notice)

4<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm "**The Creation – Haydn**" Concert by North Herts Guild of Singers in Church. Conducted by Stephen Bullamore. Tickets £12/£8 from David's Bookshop and Hitchin Initiative, online at [www.nhgs.org.uk](http://www.nhgs.org.uk) or 01462 790210/01438 861185

9<sup>th</sup> Nov 8pm **Mothers' Union Advent Meditation** with Canon Michael Roden in Church House.

16<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm **Wives' Group Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper** in Church House. Tickets £8 each from Sonia Ayres – 01462 456414. Raffle tickets £1 per strip. Please bring your own drinks. Proceeds to Neonatal Unit at Lister Hospital.



# Notices

**Grateful thanks** to my wonderful, hardworking team of flower arrangers who decorated the church for Harvest last week. Many compliments were received! Thanks also to those who gave donations to make it possible. *Margaret*

**RSCM Silver Award** Congratulations to Wendy Hazelwood and Sara Cranfield who have both been successful in gaining the RSCM Silver (Bishop's) Award.

After a demanding exam last weekend in Watford Sara gained a Highly Commended and Wendy a Pass. We thank them for their continued support of the musical life here at St Mary's. *Alan Childs*

**One small way we can help sick or orphaned children in refugee camps** is to give them a teddy to hold. It is a known fact it gives a child comfort. There is a pattern to make a teddy at the back of the church – please take one if you feel you can help. Any completed teddies can be brought to Church or Church House. *Jean Green*

**Aquaid Thanksgiving** This year we had our Aquaid Lunch a week before our Harvest Festival, but both were linked with the spirit of your generosity. We're delighted to announce that, after receiving your gifts of **over £1000** at the lunch, you followed this up by donating **over £500** at the Harvest Festival – and this all goes for the benefit of our Philip Veale Children's Centre in Malawi. We're delighted – Many thanks. *Your St Mary's Charitable Giving Group*

**St Mary's Autumn Fair Saturday 28th October 10am to 2pm** In Church. The Autumn Fair is a week next Saturday so now is the time to ask you to gather up your old toys, books, jewellery, bric-à-brac etc as well as plants, preserves, raffle and tombola prizes. We are also looking for small bars of chocolate and toiletries that can be made up into prizes. This time the Mother's Union and Wives group are running a bottle stall so any contributions will be gratefully received. You can put any contributions on the pews in front of the choir vestry from next Sunday. I have put a sheet at the back of church for helpers so if you can spare an hour or two to help on the day please sign up. Many thanks *Derry*

**Welcoming visitors to St Mary's:** There were lots of good ideas from the meeting on 28 September. The notes are at the back of church so please take a copy. Thank you very much to those who were able to attend. *Sylvia Burns*

**Every 'Third Sunday':** this Autumn the 11.15am 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: 15<sup>th</sup> October & 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Please note that this means the usual 11.15am Services will now only take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month until after Christmas.

**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; noodles; 500g sugar; toilet rolls. They currently have sufficient stocks of 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](http://letchworth.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.
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<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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