



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 21st May 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.

The Collect

**Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

8.00am – Holy Communion

President: Canon Michael Roden

9.35am – Sung Communion with Storytelling

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: **584** All my hope in God is founded - Michael
Lesson Reading: Acts 17:22-31 *read by Rosie Morgan-Males*
Gradual: Psalm 66
Gospel: John 14:15-21 *read by Belinda Copson*
Offertory Hymn: **494** I, the Lord of sea and sky – Here I am, Lord
Prayers are led by: Jasmine Norton & family
Anthem: Ave verum – Elgar *accompanied by James Watson*
Communion Hymn: **805** There is a Redeemer
Recessional Hymn: **484** You shall go out with joy
Voluntary: Dancing Toccata - Steel

11.15am Mattins

Officiant & Preacher: Belinda Copson
Introit: **584** All my hope in God is founded - Michael
Hymn: **541** Lord of beauty, thine the splendour – Regent Square
Offertory Hymn: **211** Now is eternal life - Christchurch

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Responses: Said
Psalms: 87, 36:5-10
Old Testament Lesson: Zachariah 8:1-13 *read by Jimmy Dawson*
Canticles: Said
New Testament Lesson: Revelation 21:22-22:5



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Sarah Payne & Christopher Steer; Sarah Weist & Dominic el-Beih; Amanda McLoughlin & Neil Warburton; Emma Smith & David Nuttall

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Rosemary Wilson, Betty Reader, Margaret Clarke, Alexander Nice, Mavis Bird, Tina Owen, Judith Kent, Nick Eve, Paul Darley, Isobel Tokoni, Glynis Rogers, Monica Day, Marjorie Weedon
...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We continue to pray for: 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, Adrian Haigh, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, Geoff Ingram, John & Margaret Lysons, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, John Lysons, Irene Meek, José Perry, Richard & Lona Pope, Bill Shinn, Peter Stevens, Joyce Toll, Mark Vincent, Ron & Bertha Walters.
...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We also pray for: Anne, Pam Barber, Royston Barker, Sue Bathmaker, Margaret Beddard, Dorothy Chamberlain, Christopher and Sarah and family, Richard Drury, Gareth, Jean Harris, Luke Heaphy, Helen, Carolyn Herbert, Anne & Chris Jenkins, Jonathan, Brian Jones, Emily Kilby, Alan Lawson, Steven Marvell, Angela McNally, Jonathan McNally, Melanie, Monika, Cynthia Myers, Agnes Emmanuel Odiachi, Linda Page, Paul Street, Melanie 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: Gwen Sinfield, Pauline Webb, Ian Burnell, Daks Hamilton, Janice Forward, Mary Blake, Jean Scott, Ashton Craine, Renata.
...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for Churches Together in Hitchin

For **Wymondley Baptist Chapel** asking their village to join with them in a global prayer commitment.

For the Alpha course beginning at the **Hub Church** this week.

For all young people taking **exams**.

For the **CTH meeting** on Tuesday

Prayers for the World Church

CMS (Church Mission Society) is working with partners in South Sudan - a country not only hit by economic shortages caused by drought, but also that of facing a huge exodus of refugees from its civil war. Let us pray for those 'tired of war' that peaceful solutions may be found and its people given hope.

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 23 rd May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 25 th May <i>Ascension Day</i>	7:30am 12.15pm	Ascension Day Tower Service Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th May <i>The Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Tuesday 30 th May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 1 st June	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 th June <i>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong

Readings for 28th May:

Morning Services: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Evening Service: Psalm 47; 2 Samuel 23:1-15; Ephesians 1:15-end.



Future Events

23rd May 8pm **Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting** at St Faith's Church. Refreshments from 7:30pm. There will be a talk by Dr Sandra Williams, a member of Walsworth Road Baptist Church and a GP in Shefford, on the challenges of being in general practice. There will also be an update on the North Herts Sanctuary. Between the two presentations, there will be a few items of CTH business. All welcome. *John Richardson johnrichardson891@btinternet.com*

28th May 12:30-5pm **Preston Gardens**, Preston Village (ten minutes drive from Hitchin) is holding its annual festival of flowers at our sister church of St Martin, with village gardens open, and Village Hall teas.

8th June **Mothers' Union Outing**

11th June Outing to Trinity College, Cambridge. The College have invited 50 members of St Mary's to enjoy a lovely programme for the afternoon and evening beginning with tea at 4pm, tour of the college at 5pm, organ recital at 5.40, Evensong at 6.15pm (Preacher Michael Banner - The Dean of Chapel), drinks in the ante chapel at 7.15pm and ending with "Singing on the River", a delightful programme of choral music sung from punts on the river by the College Choir from 8.45-9.45pm. The latter is a free event open to the public. The coach will leave at 2.30pm from St Mary's Square and depart from Trinity College at 8pm approx. This is before the singing starts but people are welcome to stay on for it – the college have reserved some seats at the front - and then those that attend must then make their own way home. The cost is approximately £10 for the coach and there is a sign up list at the back of church. Please note the limit on numbers.
Michael Taylor

18th June 7:30pm Concert to celebrate the renovation of the Organ at Holy Saviour Church: Durufle Requiem, Handel's Organ Concerto in Bb, Double Concerto for Organ and Strings by Douglas Coombes. Admission £11, £9 concessions, Students Free. Proceeds in aid of the Holy Saviour Organ Renovation Appeal. More information clarefleck7@gmail.com ☎ 646257



Notices



Christian Aid Week's door-to-door collection has ended – but it's not too late to contribute. You can pick up a donation envelope from the box at the back of church, and put your contribution, Gift-Aided if possible, in our ancient black chest – or add it to any of our service

collections. We will gladly include any such gifts as part of the week until the end of May. With grateful thanks, *Wendy Sternberg*.

Fundraising the long way! On 28th May 2017 Amanda Maylin, the Phase Office Manager, will be running in Edinburgh Marathon to raise funds for Phase. Amanda has a passion for running and for helping people improve their wellbeing. If you are able to support her in prayer or by donating she would be really grateful. To donate please contact the office on 01462 422940, or visit her fundraising page <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AmandaMaylin>. Thank you! www.phase-hitchin.org

General Election Hustings Churches Together in Hitchin (CTH) is arranging hustings at which the candidates in the Hitchin and Harpenden Constituency will set out their policies and values and answer questions. This will take place on Friday 2nd June, 7.30pm at Hitchin Christian Centre. Questions should be sent by 29th May to John Richardson, CTH Secretary 97 Grove Road Hitchin SG5 1SQ, johnrichardson891@btinternet.com or 07505 426876 (text only). Please indicate if you will be present at the meeting to ask your question. All welcome.

We did have **albums showing photographs** of members of the congregation. However, the albums mysteriously disappeared. Please would you bring a recent photograph of yourself and hand to one of us and we will endeavour to compile new albums. Thank you *Edna Sibley and Sonia Bloom*.

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for strong carrier bags. Also required is tinned meat; long life fruit juice; dried milk; small tins of potatoes; dried potato; tinned vegetables (not sweetcorn); tinned pulses; sauce for pasta & tinned rice pudding. 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 lethworth.foodbank.org.uk *Thank you for your continuing contributions.*



St Mary's Contacts

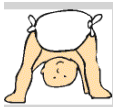
- Team Rector and Vicar – Canon Michael Roden ☎ 452758 in the first instance, otherwise ☎ 434017. Please send all mail to Church House. Michael's day off is Wednesday.
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- Home Communion Requests: Pauline Sadler ☎ 636265
- St Mary's Facebook Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchHitchin>
- *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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The e-bulletin If you wish to be included in the email distribution of this bulletin, please send an email as above. Tracy Watson