

St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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The Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 23rd April 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

**Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 (BCP)

President: The Revd Fizz Gibbs

9.35am – Sung Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Organist: Rose Norris
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: **216** The day of resurrection – Ellacombe
Lesson Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *read by Leslie Mustoe*
1 Peter 1:3-9 *read by Elaine Howe*
Gradual: **199** Christ is alive – Truro
Gospel: John 20:19-end
Offertory Hymn: **200** Christ the Lord is risen again – Wurttemberg
Prayers are led by: Pauline Sadler
Communion Hymn: **212** Now the green blade riseth – Noel Nouvelet
Recessional Hymn: **211** Now is eternal life - Christchurch
Voluntary:

11.15am Mattins

Officiant & Preacher: Warwick Wigger

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Belinda Copson

Responses: Said

Psalm: Psalm 30:1-5

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 6:1-23 *read by Jimmy Dawson*

Canticles: Said

New Testament Lesson: Mark 15:46-16:8

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 25 th April	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th April	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th April <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
Tuesday 2 nd May	10am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Thursday 4 th May	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th May <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong

Readings for 30th April:

Morning Services: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-end; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Evening Service: Psalm 48; Haggai 1:13-2:9; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17.



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to married, including: Nicola Orme & Martin Finey; Karina Burrowes & Matthew Ladds; Stella Robinson & Michael King; Claire Storey & John Odong; Sarah Payne & Christopher Steer; Sarah Weist & Dominic el-Beih

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Tina Owen, Peter & Verity, Judith Kent, Margaret Lysons, 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, Daks Hamilton, 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, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, John Lysons, Irene Meek, José Perry, Richard & Lona Pope, Bill Shinn, Peter & Verity 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, Mavis Bird, 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, Betty Reader, Paul Street, Melanie Taylor, Sally Thompson, Bob Turney, Charlotte Wales.

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We remember before God those who have died: Janice Forward, Mary Blake, Jean Scott, Anthea Craine, Renata.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for Churches Together in Hitchin

For **PHASE's** team retreat in the coming Monday and Tuesday

For the **Churches Together in Hitchin** Executive meeting on Tuesday

Prayers for the World Church

The Mothers' Union has over 3.6 million members in over 78 countries. It supports its branches through prayer and fundraising, and it campaigns on issues such as human sexuality and domestic violence. Let us pray for the Mothers' Union in Nigeria where it acts as a beacon of hope in difficult times.



Future Events

25th April 8pm **Annual Parish Meeting** in Church House. Everyone welcome. The agenda and papers are available at the back of the church. Email copies are available from me at jd.burns@btinternet.com. *Sylvia Burns*

19th April 10am **Mother's Union Deanery Coffee Morning** at St Paul's Church Hall, Letchworth. Books; Bric-a-brac; Tombola; Cakes and refreshments.

11th May 8pm **Mothers' Union "Fresh Expressions of Church" by The Revd Dan Drew** in Church House

13th May **Spring outing to Papplewick Pumping Station and Southwell Minster** organised by The Friends of Holy Saviour Church This will be an all-day coach trip (approx 9.30-7pm): The ticket price of £30 covers coach fare, admission and tours of both Papplewick & Southwell Minster. Papplewick, near Nottingham, is Britain's finest Victorian water pumping station, and has recently been restored to full splendour - combining outstanding engineering with stained glass windows, decorated columns and polished mahogany and brass. Southwell Minster is one of England's finest medieval churches, designated a Cathedral in 1884. For more information and to book a place contact Gill Chidgey 01462 423603, or email alan.fleck@ntlworld.com

18th May 8pm **Wives' Group "Sing-a-long with Pam Palmer at her keyboard"** in Church House. We would like to sound and look like Wives' Group Choir so please wear something black and/or white to help us. All members of St Mary's are very welcome, especially anyone who used to participate in the Wives' Group Shows in the past.



Notices

Many thanks to my team of flowers arrangers for all their hard work assembling such beautiful arrangements for our Easter services! *Margaret*

Annual updating of St Mary's Electoral Roll There is a copy of the current Electoral Roll at the back of church. Please check the entry relating to you and either amend the entry on the sheet or let me know of any amendment that is needed. Thank you. *Leslie*

Are you interested in finding out more about Christianity? St Mary's is running a series of conversations on faith on Sunday afternoons at 5pm, starting on the 30th April. If you would like to know more about the conversations on faith and perhaps being Confirmed, please let Canon Michael Roden know either by e-mail to hitchinparishoffice@btinternet.com or telephone 01462 452758. There will be a Team Confirmation service on Tuesday 27th June at St Paul's Walden at 7.30pm.

Lifts to Church if you know anyone who needs a lift to church and you can help please do so but let me know. Thank you. Pauline Sadler, Pastoral Committee

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for tinned meat; long life fruit juice; dried milk; small tins of potatoes; tinned pulses; tinned rice pudding and strong carrier bags. They are currently over supplied with pasta; rice; baked beans; soup and soap. 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
- Parish Office ☎ 452758 email: hitchinparishoffice@btinternet.com
- Team Rector's Secretary - Dorothy Grieves ☎ 432951
- Churchwardens – Derry Charman ☎ 420665, Warwick Wiggen ☎ 437523, 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 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