

St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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The Sunday next before Lent Sunday 26th February 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, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

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9.35am – Sung Communion

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Preacher: Belinda Copson
Setting: Rutter
Processional Hymn: **4** New every morning is the love - Melcombe
Seekers' Song: **358** Be still for the presence of the Lord – Be Still
Lesson Readings: Exodus 24:12-end *read by Tony Read*
2 Peter 1:16-end *read by Rosemary Read*
Gradual: Psalm 2 (see page 4)
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 *read by The Revd Dan Drew*
Prayers are led by: Michael Taylor
Offertory Hymn: **641** Glorious things of thee are spoken – Abbot's
Leigh
Anthem: Be thou my vision – Chilcott

Communion Hymn: **281** 'Tis good, Lord, to be here - Carlisle
 Recessional Hymn: **652** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer – Cwm Rhondda
 Voluntary: Marcia elegiaca from Sonata in G minor - Lindberg

11.15am Mattins

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 Introit: **4** New every morning is the love - Melcombe
 Hymn: **281** 'Tis good, Lord, to be here - Carlisle
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6:30pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Processional Hymn: **608** Christ is our cornerstone - Harewood
 Responses: Ferial
 Psalm: 84 (chant below)
 Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 48:1-10 *read by Terry Brazier*
 Office Hymn: **294** (omit *) We love the place, O God – Quam Dilecta
 Canticles: Chants below
 New Testament Lesson: Matthew 17:9-23
 Anthem: O how amiable – Vaughan Williams
 Offertory Hymn: **662** How lovely is your dwelling place – Billing
 Voluntary Hymn: Alla Sarabanda, from Sonata in G minor - Lindberg

Evensong Chants

Psalm 84



Magnificat



Nunc Dimittis





Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to married, including: Sian Clark & Vittorio Frosini

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Marjorie Weedon, Rex Agg, Linda Page

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

We continue to pray for: Daks Hamilton, Richard Drury, Emma Lacy, Rosemary Read, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale, Michael Taylor, Noah Ayres and his parents, Thomas and Caroline.

We pray for church members at home or in residential care: Colin Atkinson, Sheila Axtens, Charlie Boydon, Joan Burton, Jill Eve, Terence Hackett, Adrian Haigh, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, Geoff Ingram, Janet Kipping, Irene Meek, José Perry, Jean Scott, Bill Shinn.

...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, Gareth, Helen, Carolyn Herbert, Anne & Chris Jenkins, Jonathan, Brian Jones, Judith Kent, Emily Kilby, Hanna King, Alan Lawson, John & Margaret Lysons, Steven Marvell, Angela McNally, Jonathan McNally, Melanie, Monika, Cynthia Myers, Agnes Emmanuel Odiachi, Ray, Betty Reader, Renata, Paul Street, Melanie Taylor, Sally Thompson, Joyce Toll, Bob Turney, Mark Vincent, Charlotte Wales, Ron & Bertha Walters.

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We remember before God those who have died: Audrey Huggins, Mary Blake, John Toll, Clive Holmes.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

Nearly half a million people in South Sudan have fled the fighting of its civil war there - many now in Ethiopia. Let us pray for the UN and Aid agencies including USPG in providing emergency support in what has been deemed 'a forgotten war'. Let us pray for reconciliation and the return of order and peace to that newest independent country.



Future Events

1st Mar 12.30pm **Ash Wednesday lunch supporting Christian Aid** at The New Testament Church of God (corner of Hampden Road and Willian Road). Simple but nourishing fare and a Traidcraft stall. All welcome. Further information from Helen Richardson ☎ 07880 682681.

3rd Mar 1pm **Women's World Day of Prayer** at St Mark's Church. A crèche will be provided and there will also be refreshments after the service. Despite the name men are welcome too! This year the women of the Philippines have prepared the service. There will be a display of the work of the Asian Christian Students Trust in the Philippines. This project helping children who live on the rubbish dumps is supported by St Mark's church. Joy Hukin, a member of St Mark's, spent 3 months with them and will be available to talk after the service. Contact Helen Richardson helenwrich@btinternet.com

7th March 8pm **Hitchin Deanery Synod** at Holy Saviour: ***A Common Word – how far can Muslims and Christians go?*** Speakers: Ali Sheriff and Austin Smith. This will be followed by Synod business. All very welcome.

9th Mar 8pm **Mothers' Union Lent Meditation** led by Elizabeth Bunker in Church House.

11th Mar 10:30am-12:30pm (refreshments from 10am) **Free Trade and Fairtrade: Towards Trade Justice in the Post-Brexit Era** at Our Lady's Church. The Westminster Catholic Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission invites members of all churches in Hitchin to join them for a discussion led by Mary Milne, Traidcraft Campaigns Manager. Free; but please register at fairfreetrade.eventbrite.co.uk

19th Mar 11:30am **Annual Church Meeting** in Church House. This is the opportunity to review all the many aspects of St Mary's church life during the past year, plan for the future and elect our representatives for 2017/18. Please note the date. *Sylvia Burns*

25th March **St Mary's Spring Fair** (see notice)

25th Mar 7:30pm **Hitchin Chamber Orchestra Concert** in Church. Including Palladio - Jenkins (1st movement), Libertango – Piazzolla, Pizzacato polka – Strauss and much more. NHMS Intermediate String Orchestra will also play Kuchler's Concertino in D. Tickets £10/£5 (full time students) in advance or £12/£6 on the door. More information at www.hitchinchamberorchestra.org



Notices

The funeral of John Toll will be held at 10am on 3rd March in Church.

Children's Society House Boxes. Would holders of House Boxes please bring them to church and give them to either Christine or Pauline for opening. We will return when done. If anyone else would like to have a box please let us know. this is a good way of supporting the important work of the society. Thank you. *Christine and Pauline*

St Mary's Spring Fair - 25th March 2017 We are beginning to plan for the Spring Fair and so would like you to start to sort out any items that might be suitable for Raffle or Tombola prizes. As the Fair is the day before Mothering Sunday we would like to organise a 'Lucky Dip' where children can get a surprise present for their mothers. With this in mind we are also looking for unwanted gifts etc. which would be suitable for children to give as presents. We will be happy to wrap them. Many thanks *Derry Charman*

Dusting rota: Dear helpers, Thank you all for the past year. Your new rotas are now available at the back of the church. We have lost three from the group. If there is anyone who would like to join us please let me know. It would mean giving us a little more space between each session. *Audrey Forde*

Counters: A message of thanks to Roy & Daphne Pike who retired from the counters' rota last month. Roy & Jack Baxter were members of the counting team for more years than they can remember and when Jack retired last year, Daphne took over working with Roy. We are grateful to all those, past and present, who carry out this responsible job each week behind the scenes. There are occasionally vacancies on the team. If you are interested in finding out more about the work involved, please contact me. *Lesley Davies, Giving Committee.*

CTH Lent Groups These small groups are an opportunity to meet with people from other churches to follow a particular part of the Bible just during the weeks of Lent. Those who have joined one in past years have seen well know passages in a different light and made new friends too! This year we are looking at Philippians using *Centred on Christ* by Michael Baughen. Sign-up sheets are available in church - please put your name and a contact number next to the group you wish to attend. Make a note of the address and date of the first meeting. Any queries to Helen Richardson helenwrich@btinternet.com.

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for tinned meat; long life fruit juice; dried milk; UHT milk; jam; tinned rice pudding; tinned fish; tea bags; deodorant; shaving foam; nappies size 5/6; Bags for Life. 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 letchworth.foodbank.org.uk *Thank you for your continuing contributions*

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 28 th February	10am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 1 st March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:30pm	Sung Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 2 nd March	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Friday 3 rd March	10am	Funeral of John Toll RIP
Sunday 5 th March <i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong
Tuesday 7 th March	10am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Thursday 2 nd March	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th March <i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Choral Evensong

Readings for 5th March:

Morning Services: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Evening Service: Psalm 50:1-15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end; Luke 15:1-10



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
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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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