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 Sofia Perrotta, Thomas Stacey and Grayson Harding

The Collect
Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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: The Revd Dan Drew
Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: 362 Come let us join our cheerful songs - Nativity
Seekers’ Song: 639 Give thanks with a grateful heart
Lesson Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Revelation 5:1-10
Gradual: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18 (see page 4)
Gospel Reading: John 1:43-end read by Belinda Copson
Prayers are led by: Trevor Groom
Offertory Hymn: 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky – Here I am Lord
Anthem: Just as I am – Chilcott (words at Hymn 451)
Communion Hymn: 510 Will you come and follow me – Kelvingrove
Recessional Hymn: 476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go – Song 34
11.15am Mattins
Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Introit: 362 Come let us join our cheerful songs - Nativity
Hymn: 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind - Repton
Offertory Hymn: 476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go – Song 34

3:30pm Baptisms

6:30pm Choral Evensong
Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Introit: Honour and majesty are before Him – Greene (see below)
Processional Hymn: 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness – Was Lebet
Responses: Smith
Psalm: 96
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:9-end
Office Hymn: 93 Arise, shine out, your light has come – Church Triumphant
Canticles: Walmisley in D minor
Anthem: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness – Elvey (see below)
Offertory Hymn: 100 How brightly gleams the morning star! – Wie Schon Leuchtet

Choral Evensong Anthems

Honour and majesty are before him - Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

Honour and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Amen.
Psalm 96:6

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness - George J Elvey (1816-93)

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
O sing unto God,
sing praises to his name and rejoice before Him.
Psalm 96:9 & 68:4

Please take your bulletin home
Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be baptised, including: Sofia Perrotta, Thomas Stacey and Grayson Harding

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Katie Rust & Thomas Hadley

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Geoff Ingram, Bridget, Yvonne Limbrick, Susie Chugg, Catherine Beavis, Jimmy Dawson, Michael Mansie, Thomas Fox, Michael Taylor, Neville Glindon, Chris Parkinson, Gill Shinkins, Margaret Tait, Lewis, Brian Castle, Adrian Hinksman, Margaret Bishop, Suzie Bloom, Fraser Pincock, Helen Cotton, Mary Brenchley, John & Margaret Lysons, Margaret Clarke, Mavis Bird, Paul Darley, Tokoni, Marjorie Weedon, Emma Lacy, 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, Judith Kent, Hanna King, Joan 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, Sally Thompson, Bob Turney, Charlotte Wales.
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We remember before God those who have died: Philip MacCormack, Peter Guthrie, Peggy Hine, Leslie Mustoe, Bette Woodward, Janice Forward.
…and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church
Christian Aid reminds us that on Jan 15th Martin Luther King Jr is remembered in the United States. He believed that peace was the way to bring about change in societies, and in his life he focussed on human rights for the poor and marginalised. Let us pray for God's gift of peace to be with those working for truth and justice in America today.
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

John McCann

Choir: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

All: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Choir: O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Choir: For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

All: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Choir: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

All: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Choir: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret and woven into the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in your book were all my members written, as day by day there were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.

All: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.
Choir:  How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

All:  How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Future Events

18th Jan 7:30pm for 8pm Wives’ Group Beetle Drive and Demonstration of Paper Craft work with Monica Jordan in Church House. Please bring an old paperback book of medium thickness in order to take part.

21st Jan 6:30pm Churches Together in Hitchin Service in Our Lady’s Church. The annual CTH United Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will include the induction of John Maguire of Tilehouse Street Baptist Church as Chair of CTH. The theme is That all may be free chosen by churches in the Caribbean If you would like personally to use the reflections for the Week, these can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer
Further information about the service from John Richardson ☎ 07505 426876 or johnrichardson891@btinternet.com

3rd Feb 7:30pm The Hunchback of Notre Dame in Church. Another in our popular series of classic silent films, Victor Hugo’s gothic masterpiece, with live organ accompaniment. Street Food by Cantina Carnitas in Church House from 6pm, Wine in church from 6:30pm, film starts 7:30pm. Adults £12, Under-18s £6. Book now from Hitchin Initiative, David’s Music, Eastcheap, Letchworth, Online from wegottickets st mary’s hitchin or Robin Sternberg ☎ 684588. In aid of St Mary’s church funds.

Notices

A huge thank you to my team of flower arrangers for their wonderful Christmas flower displays! A very grateful thanks also, to those who gave so generously to make it all possible. Margaret

Church House and the Parish Office will be closed all day on Monday 22nd January for maintenance works to be carried out
Christingle. Our Christingle will take place during the 9.35 service on Sunday 28th January. This is when we remember the work of the Children's Society and all that they do with disadvantaged children and those needing help in other circumstances. If you would like to contribute to this work there will be donation envelopes at the doors please take one and return it to church on the 28th or another Sunday. Thank you. Christine McCutcheon and Pauline Sadler.

Lent 2018 Churches Together in Hitchin will run Lent groups this year using a study guide is from the Cover to Cover series “Fleeting Shadows: How Christ Transforms the Darkness” by Malcolm Duncan. If you would like to host a group or lead a group please would you let me know by Monday 22nd January. Lent is early this year - Ash Wednesday is on 14th February. If you are an existing Bible study group and would like to join in this course during Lent, then please let me know. It’s an opportunity to meet people from other Christian traditions which can give different insights to God's word. Helen Richardson helenwrich@btinternet.com 07880 682681

Ecclesiastical Insurance are donating £130 to St Mary’s for every new home insurance policy taken out to celebrate their 130th anniversary. For St Mary’s to benefit from this offer visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or phone 08007830130 and quote TRUST130

Treats for our Philip Veale Centre children. Lois Veale and Wendy Hazelwood are visiting the centre in Gomani, Malawi, flying there for a week on 6th February. They’d love to take with them as gifts for the children any spare items you could leave at the back of the church latest by Sunday 4th February (but earlier if possible) We’re looking for the following sorts of things: simple games and toys, (but nothing too large or heavy or complicated, and nothing electronic or electric), stickers, dolls, animals, books, balls, football boots & strips and so forth. Also old specs with simple non-bifocal lenses. Another bright idea: we’d like to take 24 back packs which we’ll present to older children for their walks to and from school, each with suitable contents, but we’re looking for 24 kind sponsors to cover the cost of £25 per back-pack. Do ring us if you’d like to be one of those sponsors. Very many thanks, the children will love it all. For any more ideas or queries, do contact us: Lois, 436426 or Wendy, 07792 291657.
Millers Café is for those who have been 'through the mill'. It is an opportunity to drop in, share a coffee and be offered a listening ear for those who’ve experienced life-changing conditions either themselves or through a loved one. The Café will be open on the 1st Monday 2-4pm and the 3rd Wednesday 10am-12pm of each month at Walsworth Road Baptist Church, beginning on 17th January. We are hoping to gather two small teams of volunteers to be tea and coffee makers, and/or listeners to be alongside people. If you would be interested in volunteering on Mondays please contact Val Chamberlain ☎️ 458827 or valchamberlain2000@yahoo.co.uk or to volunteer on Wednesdays - Mary Hollingdale ☎️ 07759195487 or memholl@aol.com

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for tea bags; toothpaste; deodorant and shower gel. Please ensure 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

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Readings for 21\textsuperscript{st} January:
Morning Services: Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19:6-19; John 2:1-11
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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- Churchwardens – Derry Charman 📞420665, Warwick Wiggen 📞674172, 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 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. There is a children’s area supplied with toys which you are welcome to use.

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