



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 The Sunday next before Lent

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**

President: Canon Michael Roden

### **9.35am – Sung Communion**

President: The Revd Fizz Gibbs  
Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew  
Setting: Appleford  
Processional Hymn: **2** Christ, whose glory fills the skies - Ratisbon  
Lesson Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12 *read by James Watson*  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *read by Pauline Sadler*  
Gradual: Psalm 50:1-6 (see page 4)  
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9 *read by Canon Michael Roden*  
Prayers are led by: Mothers' Union members Verity Stevens and Sonia Ayres during UK Marriage Week  
Offertory Hymn: **709** Light of the minds that know him - Aurelia  
Anthem: Be thou my vision - Chilcott (see page 5)  
Communion Hymn: **720** Lord, you are the light of life to me - Fairmead  
Recessional Hymn: **610** Christ is the world's true light – Nun Danket

## 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden  
 Introit: **281** 'Tis good, Lord, to be here - Carlisle  
 Offertory Hymn: **709** Light of the minds that know him - Aurelia  
 Final Hymn: **610** Christ is the world's true light – Nun Danket

## 6:30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Revd Dan Drew  
 Preacher: Canon Michael Roden  
 Processional Hymn: **589** Angel voices ever singing – Angel Voices  
 Responses: Ferial  
 Psalm: 2 – Chant: Elvey in C  
 Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-16 *read by Tracy Watson*  
 Office Hymn: **574** We sing your praise, eternal God – This Endris Nyght  
 Canticles: Morley Fauxbourdons  
 New Testament Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-end  
 Anthem: Be thou my vision – Chilcott (see page 5)  
 Offertory Hymn: **603** Bright the vision that delighted – Laus Deo

## 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 13 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:30pm	Sung Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February <i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Communion Third Sunday – Family Service Evening Prayer
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February <i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Communion Mattins Evensong

### Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> February:

Morning Services: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15

Evening Service: Psalm 119:17-32; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19



## Prayers for people

**We pray for all those who are to be married, including:** Alison Burgess & Graham Harper; Nicolas Smith & Isabelle Schuler

**We pray for all who are ill, and by name for:** Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Mike Crocker, Reg Harriden, Paul Boyd, Jenny, Bridget, Catherine Beavis, Michael Mansie, Thomas Fox, Neville Glindon, Chris Parkinson, Gill Shinkins, Margaret Tait, Lewis, Adrian Hinksman, Margaret Bishop, Suzie Bloom, Fraser Pincock, Margaret Lysons, Margaret Clarke, Mavis Bird, Paul Darley, Tokoni, Emma Lacy.

**...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, Janet Kipping, 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, Mary Brenchley, Helen Cotton, Jean Harris, Helen, Brian Jones, Emily Kilby, Steven Marvell, Angela McNally, Jonathan McNally, Cynthia Myers, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale, Michael Taylor, Marjorie Weedon.

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

**We remember before God those who have died:** Irene Meek, John Lysons, Brian Castle, Geoff Ingram, Philip MacCormack, Peter Guthrie, Peggy Hine, Leslie Mustoe, Bette Woodward, Janice Forward.

**...and we pray for those who mourn.**

## Prayers for the World Church

USPG (United Society Partners in Mission) promotes short term placements for volunteers going abroad, and guides and supports them in the tasks they are given by the Anglican churches in the destination chosen. We thank God for experiences gained and pray for all involved, and for their strength in His service.

# Psalm 50:1-6

Gerry Fitzpatrick



Let the hea-vens de- clare his right-eou-ness, for God him-self is judge.

*Choir: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.*

**All: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*Choir: The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken  
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;  
our God comes and will not keep silence.*

**All: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*Choir: Consuming fire goes out before him  
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.  
He calls the heaven above,  
and the earth, that he may judge his people:*

**All: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*Choir: "Gather to me, my faithful,  
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice."  
Let the heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.*

**All: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

# Anthem

**Be thou my vision** – Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;  
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: Irish c.8<sup>th</sup>C tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)*  
*Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*



## Future Events

14<sup>th</sup> Feb 12:30pm **Ash Wednesday Lunch for Christian Aid** organised by CTH in Our Lady's Church Hall. A modest meal - soup, bread, cheese, fruit, with proceeds going to support the poorest around the world. There will be a Traidcraft stall selling fairly- traded goods. All welcome. Details from John Richardson - johnrichardson891@btinternet.com or ☎07505 426876.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm for 8pm **Wives' Group** in Church House: **Sandra & Peter Blacker's trip to the Amazon**

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February **St Faith's Pantomime "Pinocchio"** written by Dawn Cairns in St Faiths Church. See Pinocchio's nose grow as his conscience – Jeremy Cricket - tries in vain to keep him on the straight and narrow and urges him to ignore such dastardly characters as the wily fox, the crafty cat and the Circus ringmaster! Performances start at 7pm on both Friday and Saturday, with a matinee performance at 3pm on Saturday. Entry is by ticket only - cost £7 for adults and £4 for the under 12s. Tickets and more details can be obtained by contacting the box office on ☎ 451015.

24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:30pm & 4:30pm **Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns** performed by the St Mary's Ensemble in Church. We are delighted to stage our third annual Children's Concert - this time a special treat, with live illustration on a big screen from local celebrity artist **James Mayhew**. Two shows at 2.30pm and 4.30pm to allow a good view for all. Doors open half an hour before - tea, drinks and cake served in Church House 3.30pm-4.15pm. Suitable for 0-99 yrs. Tickets available from Susie Powell; Hitchin Initiative and online: <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/428844>

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 1:30pm **Churches Together in Hitchin Women's World Day of Prayer service** at New Testament Church of God, Hampden Road. The theme this year, chosen by the women of Suriname in South America, is **All God's Creation is Very Good!** and the service will include prayers, reflections and music from that part of the world. All are welcome - and that includes men!

18<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30am **Annual Church Meeting** in Church House (see notice)



# Notices

**The Annual Church Meeting** will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am in Church House. This is the opportunity to celebrate all the various aspects of St Mary's church life during the past year, plan for the future and elect our representatives for 2018/19. Please come along and take part. More information soon. *Sylvia Burns, DCC Secretary*

**Huge thanks** to everyone who helped to make the film show on Saturday night of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' such a success. It was a big team effort. 299 tickets were sold and we made a profit of £2,905 for Church funds. *Rachel Bagenal*

**Armistice 100:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the guns falling silent at the end of the First World War. As part of the commemorations to mark this anniversary bells will ring out across the country and the world. If you would like to mark the remembrance of a family member who was involved or killed in the Great War and would like to learn to ring and join us on that day, then please let us know. We meet most Monday evenings from 7pm. You are most welcome. *Trevor Groom*  
☎622497 [groom.trevor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:groom.trevor@yahoo.co.uk)

**Churches Together in Hitchin Lent Groups.** There is a sign up sheet in Church. The course is *Fleeting Shadows: How Christ Transforms the Darkness* by Malcolm Duncan. It connects the Shepherd's Psalm 23 and Jesus the Good Shepherd in John's Gospel. Those who have joined a group in previous years have found it very thought provoking and also made new friends. Further details from Helen Richardson [helenwrich@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwrich@btinternet.com)  
☎07880 682681 or ☎435595.

**Hitchin Foodbank:** All donations to the foodbank are still welcome, however thanks to your generosity there are no particular shortages at this time. 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](http://letchworth.foodbank.org.uk) *Thank you for your continuing contributions.*

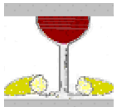


## St Mary's Contacts

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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. There is a children's area supplied with toys which you are welcome to use.

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