



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Mothering Sunday

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 Roxanne Elizabeth Yabsley-Kelly.

### ***The Collect***

**God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: Canon Michael Roden

### **9.35am – Service of the Word**

Officiant: The Revd Fizz Gibbs  
Preacher: Canon Michael Roden  
Processional Hymn: **136** Fathers and mothers – Bunessan  
Lesson Readings: Exodus 2:1-10 *read by Amelia Ryden*  
Colossians 3.12-17 *read by Imogen Ryden*  
Anthem: For the beauty of the earth - Rutter (words at hymn 537)  
Offertory Hymn: **138** Our Father God in heaven - Ellacombe  
Prayers are led by: Rosie & William Morgan-Males  
Recessional Hymn: **739** Now thank we all our God – Nun Danket

## 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs  
Introit: **394** Tell out, my soul - Woodlands  
Offertory Hymn: **537** For the beauty of the earth – Englands Lane  
Final Hymn: **739** Now thank we all our God – Nun Danket

## 3:30pm Baptism

## 6:30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden  
Introit: I sing of a maiden – Berkeley (words page 4)  
Processional Hymn: **313** (omit \*) For Mary, Mother of our Lord – St Botolph  
Responses: Kathryn Rose  
Psalm: 34:11-20  
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 6:2-13 *read by Mike Kershaw*  
Office Hymn: **137** God of Eve and God of Mary – Love Divine  
Canticles: Noble in B minor  
New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:1-11  
Anthem: Mary's Magnificat – Carter (words page 4)  
Offertory Hymn: **739** Now thank we all our God – Nun Danket

**St Mary's is an ancient but thriving parish church located right in the heart of Hitchin.**

We are looking for an enthusiastic Christian with an ability to facilitate worship to engage children and families in a twice monthly sustainable fresh expression of church. This is to build on the work of our pilot and empowering lay leaders.

10 hours a week - £5,200. p.a.

Contact: For an informal conversation contact The Revd Daniel Drew on 07738 553264.

Closing Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.



## Prayers for people

**We pray for all those who are to be baptised, including:** Roxanne Elizabeth Yabsley-Kelly

**We pray for all those who are to be married, including:** Nicolas Smith & Isabelle Schuler

**We pray for all who are ill, and by name for:** Phil Richards, Sue Bathmaker, Vicky, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Paul Boyd, Bridget, Catherine Beavis, Michael Mansie, Thomas Fox, Lisa & 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, Cynthia Myers, Michael Taylor, Marjorie Weedon.

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

**We remember before God those who have died:** Derek Morton, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale, Reg Harriden, Irene Meek, John Lysons, Brian Castle.

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

## Prayers for the World Church

On this Mothering Sunday, let us pray for the Mothers' Union worldwide. We pray for MU members, for their witness to God's loving care and His peace which strengthens them at difficult times. May the members find fellowship with each other and may their families flourish and be a blessing to others.

# Choral Evensong Anthems

## **I sing of a maiden** - Lennox Berkeley (1903-89)

I sing of a maiden that is makëless;  
King of alle kings to her son she ches.

He came all so stillë there his mother was,  
As dew in Aprillë that falleth on the gras.

He came all so stillë to his mother's bow'r,  
As dew in Aprillë that falleth on the flow'r.

He came all so stillë there his mother lay,  
As dew in Aprillë that falleth on the spray.

Mother and maiden was never none but she;  
Well may such a lady Goddëes mother be.

*Words: 15<sup>th</sup> Century English*

## **Mary's Magnificat** – Andrew Carter (b.1939)

Softly a light is stealing,  
Sweetly a maiden sings,  
Ever wakeful, ever wistful,  
Watching faithfully, thankfully,  
tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord:  
And my spirit hath rejoiced,  
rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Mary her song to Jesus  
Softly, serenely sings:  
"I will love you, I will serve you,  
May my lullaby glorify,  
magnify my King of kings.

Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.



## Future Events

15<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm for 8pm **Wives' Group "Good morning Lords and Ladies"** in Church House. An illustrated talk with songs and pictures, on some of the more unusual English customs in the folk scene. Everyone welcome.

17<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm **Hitchin Chamber Orchestra concert** in Church. Music by Telemann, Britten, Handel, Dvorak & Walton. Featuring Ben Goldscheider (BBC Young Musician Brass winner 2016) and Tenor, Andrew Sutherland. Advance tickets from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hitchin-chamber-orchestra-spring-concert-2018-tickets-41924308736> & Hitchin Initiative £12 adults; £6 concessions. Tickets on the door - £14 adults; £7 concessions.

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

18<sup>th</sup> Mar 3pm **Talk and Tea** at Holy Saviour. "G.K. Chesterton: The Modern Age & the Paradoxical Thriller" by Dr Mark Knight, focusing on Chesterton's early fiction including "The Man Who Was Thursday". Tickets £8 (Friends £7) are available from Gill Chidgey ☎ 423603, or the Hitchin Initiative Office and includes refreshments after the talk.

24<sup>th</sup> Mar **St Mary's Spring Fair** (see notice)



## Notices

Many thanks to all those who helped assemble the Mother's Day flowers.  
*Margaret*

We would be most grateful to receive donations for **Easter flowers**. We have two designated collection boxes marked "Donations for Flowers" where you may put your donations safely, they can be found on the ends of the pews nearest the North and South doors at the back of church. If anybody would like to help with arranging flowers on Easter Saturday please contact me.  
*Many thanks, Margaret*

**Easter Bulletin:** Due to Church House being closed during Holy Week, the bulletin published on 25<sup>th</sup> March will be a double edition, covering Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. All notices for these two weeks will be required by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. *Tracy Watson.*

**Weekly Envelopes** The new weekly envelope sets are available for collection at the back of the church. If you have been using Weekly Envelopes and wish to change your method of Regular Giving to Standing Order, or you would like to start using Weekly Envelopes, please contact Lesley Davies. ☎ 01462 625372, email: leldavies@outlook.com

**The Children's Society.** We will be emptying the Children's Society House Boxes during March. If you would bring yours to church and/or give it to either of us we would be very grateful. Thank you. *Christine McCutcheon and Pauline Sadler.*

**St Mary's Spring Fair** - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Spring Fair is just under two weeks away so I need to ask you to sort out items for the various stalls including bric-à-brac, books, jewellery, toys, plants etc. We are also in need of Tombola and Raffle prizes. The Mothers' Union and Wives' group would also be grateful for bottles for their stall. You can leave items at the back of church in front of the choir vestry from next Sunday. There is a sheet to sign up to help on the day so if you can spare some time to help please put your name down. Many thanks. *Derry Charman*

**The Philip Veale Children's Centre.** We're now back from Malawi after an inspiring and interesting trip. We found the children vibrant and happy, and they were absolutely thrilled with all the gifts we took them. As they opened their back packs, they were excited and delighted, and couldn't wait to get the football / netball kit on. Thank you very much for your support and kindness in helping us make this trip so special, *Wendy and Lois*

**St Mary's Brownies** urgently needs new leaders or they will close. No experience needed as full training is provided. If you feel this is for you, or want to know more talk to Diana Taylor or Anne Howard. As this is the longest running Brownie Pack in Hitchin it would be very sad to see it close, especially as all the Brownie Packs have full waiting lists.

**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. In preparation for this meeting, there are nomination forms for the various elections at the back of the church. Copies of the agenda, minutes of last year's meeting and reports for 2017 will be available in church on the day. May I say thank you to all the report writers. *Sylvia Burns, DCC Secretary Sylvia Burns, DCC Secretary*

At this time of year we look at the **Electoral Roll**, ahead of our Annual Church Meeting – this year on 18<sup>th</sup> March. In particular, we'd like to encourage all who worship here regularly to join the roll. Membership of our roll is a special way of belonging positively to St Mary's; it also entitles you to vote at any elections for our District Church Council and other positions.

As long as you're baptized and over 16, do please complete one of the application forms at the back of church, put it in the ancient black chest near the forms, hand it to a Churchwarden or to our Verger, or post it in one of the envelopes by the forms. *John P Asher, Electoral Roll Officer*

**Hitchin Foodbank:** The most urgent need is for sponge puddings; long life fruit juice; jam; marmalade; small jars of coffee and 500g bags of sugar. 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.*

### 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> March	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Passion Sunday</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Communion with Passion Gospel Third Sunday – Family Service Evening Prayer
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Holy Communion at Westbourne
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Communion Mattins Evensong

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

Morning Services: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Evening Service: Psalm 34; Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5:12-end



## 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
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- 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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