



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Passion 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.

### ***The Collect***

**Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 (BCP)**

President: Canon Michael Roden

### **9.35am – Sung Communion with Passion Gospel**

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Setting: Rutter

Processional Hymn: **707** (omit \*) Lift high the cross - Crucifer

Lesson Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 *read by Pauline Sadler*

Hebrews 5:5-10 *read by Mike Kershaw*

Gradual: Psalm 51:1-13 (see page 4)

Gospel: Passion Gospel reading

Offertory Hymn: **278** We give immortal praise – Darwall's 148th

Prayers are led by: Mike Kershaw

Anthem: The Crown of Roses – Tchaikovsky

Communion Hymn: **145** It is a thing most wonderful - Herongate

Recessional Hymn: **667** I danced in the morning – Lord of the Dance

## 11.15am Third Sunday – Family Service

Led by: The Revd Dan Drew

## 6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden  
Responses: Said  
Psalm: 34  
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 7:8-24 *read by Trevor Groom*  
Canticles: Said  
New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:12-end

## 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

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) Procession of Palms, <i>from the Market Square, followed by</i> Sung Communion Mattins Evensong
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	8pm	Sung Compline
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:30pm	Sung Communion with foot washing and stripping of the altars
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Good Friday</i>	9:30am 12pm 2pm	Family Service <i>followed by the Walk of Witness culminating in a short service in the Market Square.</i> Meditation on the Cross Liturgy of the Cross
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Festival Communion Choral Communion (BCP) Choral Evensong

### Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> March:

Morning Services: Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Evening Service: Psalm 69:1-20; Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark 12:1-12



# Prayers for people

**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:** Marjorie & Tom Weedon, Phil Richards, Sue Bathmaker, Vicky, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Paul Boyd, Bridget, Catherine Beavis, Thomas Fox, Lisa Glindon, Chris Parkinson, Margaret Tait, Lewis, Adrian Hinksman, Margaret Bishop, Suzie Bloom, Fraser Pincock, Margaret Clarke, 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, Mavis Bird, Charlie Boydon, Joan Burton, Jill Eve, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, Judith Kent, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, Margaret Lysons, Michael Mansie, 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, Gill Shinkins, Michael Taylor.

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

**We remember before God those who have died:** Neville Glindon, Brian Condon, June Winspeer, 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

Some families who have fled the war in Syria have managed to get to neighbouring Lebanon, where BIBLE SOCIETY volunteers are providing groups for healing from trauma, loss and grief. As a result some refugees have come to faith in Jesus Christ and at last feel at peace. Let us thank God for the hope which has come into their lives and pray for the Bible Society in its valuable work.

# Psalm 51:1-13

Alan Rees



*Choir: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

**All: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

*Choir: Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.*

**All: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

*Choir: For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Against you only I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.*

**All: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

*Choir: I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.*

**All: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

*Choir: Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.*

**All: Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Choir: Turn your face from my sins  
and blot out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**All: *Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

Choir: Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me.  
Give me again the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit.

**All: *Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***



## Future Events

18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11:30am <b>Annual Church Meeting</b> in Church House (see notice)
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar <b>St Mary's Spring Fair</b> (see notice)
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 8pm <b>Mothers Union Lady Day Service</b> in Church



## Notices

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.*

**The DCC met on 6<sup>th</sup> March** and a copy of the minutes is at the back of church. Items of particular interest include a Review of the 2017 Christmas Services and a Report from the HeartEdge Set-Up Group. I would be happy to email them on request to me at [jd.burns@btinternet.com](mailto:jd.burns@btinternet.com)

**Our Lady's Church** have invited members of St Mary's to share in their Passover Meal on **Monday 26th March at 7.30pm** in their Church Hall. There is a list and information at the back of church, if you would like to come please sign the list with your name and phone number. If you want to know more please speak to me. *Pauline Sadler.*

**Our Concert for Children** held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb in St Mary's was a great success, with nearly 500 people attending the two sessions and enjoying tea in Church House. Local author and artist James Mayhew illustrated and narrated poems to music from 'The Carnival of the Animals', played by the St Mary's Ensemble, and James Watson also performed on the organ. We hope to repeat this formula next year with a different theme. Many thanks to all in the congregation who supported the event, which raised over £2,000 for Church funds. *Susie Powell, Nick Evans-Pughe and Anne Senechal.*

**Millers Café** Sadly it has been decided to cease Millers Café with immediate effect. Thanks to all who have supported the project through prayer or volunteering and to WRBC for hosting the café. Many thanks. Revd Jane Mainwaring

**Christian Aid Week** 13-19 May 2018 Help Needed! The house to house collection in Hitchin & Villages organised through CTH is in need of two people to count out and distribute envelopes and supporting materials for the collectors. If you like a bit of admin this could be you! One person needed to support 4 collectors in streets off Stevenage Road and one person needed for 4 collectors in the Old Hale Way, Bearton Green area. Further explanation from Helen Richardson, Organiser for Hitchin & Villages. [helenwrich@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwrich@btinternet.com) 07880 682681

**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. 📞 625372, email: [leldavies@outlook.com](mailto:leldavies@outlook.com)

**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 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.*

**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*

**The Annual Church Meeting** is TODAY (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*

**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.*

**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.



## 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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- 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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