



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 15th April 2018 The Third Sunday of Easter

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 Felix Arthur Christopher Yates and Frances Lexie Tweeddale

The Collect

**Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden

Setting: Tambling

Processional Hymn: **486** Christ is the King! O friends rejoice - Vulpius

Lesson Readings: Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Gradual: Psalm 4 (see page 4)

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Offertory Hymn: **641** Glorious things of thee are spoken – Abbot's Leigh

Prayers are led by: Andrew Rogers

Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father – S S Wesley
(see page 5)

Communion Hymn: **433** Broken for me, broken for you – Broken for me

Recessional Hymn: **507** We have a gospel to proclaim - Fulda

11.15am Third Sunday – Family Service

Led by: Canon Michael Roden & The Revd Dan Drew

3:30pm Baptisms

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Responses: Said
 Psalm: 142
 Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:7-13
 Canticles: Said
 New Testament Lesson: Revelation 2:1-11

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 17 th April	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 19 th April	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd April <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am	Holy Communion Sung Communion Mattins
	6:30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 24 th April	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 26 th April	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th April <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion BCP
	6:30pm	Evensong

Readings for 22nd April:

Morning Services: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-end; John 10:11-18
 Evening Service: Psalm 81:8-16; Exodus 16:4-15; Revelation 2:12-17



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be baptised, including: Felix Arthur Christopher Yates and Frances Lexie Tweeddale

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Sara Gonzalez & Luis de Sousa; Kim Khan & Jonathan Kitchener

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Colin Atkinson, Richard, Heide, Judith Kent, Marjorie & Tom Weedon, Phil Richards, Vicky, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Bridget, Catherine Beavis, Lisa Glindon, Sarah & 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: Sheila Axtens, Mavis Bird, Charlie Boydon, Joan Burton, Helen Cotton, Jill Eve, Craig Hamil, Cameron Harrison, 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, Brigitte, Jean Harris, Helen, Brian Jones, Steven Marvell, Angela McNally, Monika, 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: Erich Hoffbauer, John Anstice Brown, Gordon Appleton, John Cunningham, Sophie Woodhams, Neville Glindon, Bryan Congdon, June Winspear, Derek Morton, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale, Irene Meek.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

CMS is supporting a married couple who are working with the Christian minority in Jerusalem. Hordes of pilgrims flock to Gethsemane at holiday seasons. Bread and olive oil (from olives grown nearby) are handed out. Let us pray for olive farmers in the Holy Land, that peace will reign and government restrictions be lessened, so farmers can access their groves more easily.

Psalm 4

Andrew Wright



It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safe - ty.

Choir: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

All: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Choir: Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness:
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

All: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Choir: How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

All: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Choir: Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

All: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Choir: There are many that say,
"Who will show us any good?"
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

All: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Choir: You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

All: It is you, O Lord, who make me dwell in safety.

Sung Communion Anthem

Blessed be the God and Father – S S Wesley (1810-76)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Which, according to his abundant mercy,
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,
by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.
Amen.

1 Peter



Future Events

19 th Apr 7:30pm for 8pm Wives' Group "Restoration of Bristol City Hall" by Terry Brazier in Church House. Everyone welcome.
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24 th Apr 8pm Annual Parish Meeting (see notice)
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1st May 7pm-9pm **Responding to human trafficking and modern slavery in your community.** Caritas Westminster is hosting an evening of practical advice at Our Lady's, introduced by the Chair of Caritas Westminster, Bishop Paul MacAleenan. Speakers will be focusing on recognising the signs of trafficking, and what steps to take; what the church is doing to support victims and end this crime; the work the police are doing to bring perpetrators to justice and help victims; how businesses and individuals can get involved. Refreshments from 6.30pm.

To book a place ☎ 020 7931 6077, Email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slaves-on-our-doorsteps-tickets-44588457276?aff=eac2>

5th May 7pm for 7.30 pm start **Save the Children Annual Quiz night** at Kingshott School. Tickets (£7.50) from Les Hodges ☎01462 422175. Nibbles included, bring your own drinks. Enter as a team of 6 to 8 or singles can be put together to form teams. There will also be a raffle. Do come and join in a fun evening!

10th May 8pm **Mothers' Union "Music and Prose"** by Paul Lanham in Church House.

12th May 7:30pm **Quiz Night for Christian Aid** at Christchurch. Fish/sausage and chip supper or vegetarian option. Tickets £11, No food £5. Teams of 6-8. For Tickets and more info contact: Sue Covington ☎ 452985 suecov63@hotmail.co.uk or Pauline Edwards ☎ 435438



Notices

The font flowers are given today by Rachel and Christopher Yates for the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Felix Arthur Yates.

Grateful thanks to my wonderful team of flower arrangers who helped with the Easter flowers. Many thanks for all the kind compliments we received on how beautifully the church was decorated! Huge thanks also to those who gave donations to make it possible. *Margaret*

Important message from the Giving Committee: if you are on our Church's Electoral Roll and/or you are a member of one of our Regular Giving Schemes (i.e. donate through Weekly Envelopes or Standing Order), please pick up your personally addressed envelope from the back of the church as soon as possible. Thank you. *Lesley Davies*

St Mary's Spring Fair I would just like to thank everyone who helped at the Spring Fair whether it was by helping on the day or by donating items for the stalls. We were a bit unlucky with the weather which kept the number of visitors down but we did well to raise as much as we did. It was a very good 'Team Effort' which all helps to keep St Mary's running. Many thanks again to all. *Derry Charman*

St Mary's Spring Fair: The fair on 24th March, together with cake sales on the Sunday and the sale of a quilt, raised a total of £1380 for our funds. The amount raised on each stall is as follows: Books £78; Bottle Stall £62; Bric-a-Brac £80; Cakes & Preserves £121; Cards £31; Crafts £98; Jewellery £21; Quilt £125; Raffle £98; Refreshments £194; St Mary's Bags £13; Tombola £100; Tower Visits £215; Toys £25. In addition, there were personal donations of £60, plus £60 in payments from other stalls selling their own goods. *Colin Davies*

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday 24th April, 8pm at St Faith's Church, Woolgrove Road. Please come along if you can. A few hard-copies of the papers are at the back of the church. Email copies are also available from: jd.burns@btinternet.com *Sylvia Burns PCC Secretary*

Holy Land Tour 3rd-11th April 2019: Rev Andrew Henton Pusey (Walsworth Road Baptist Church) is co-leading a group visiting the Holy Land next spring, and you are warmly invited to consider joining the tour. With five nights in Nazareth and three nights in Jerusalem, there is a busy programme of visits to Biblical sites, but an added bonus of these tours is the opportunity to meet and to share with Christians living in the Holy Land today.

For fuller details, please contact Andrew soon: minister@wrbchitchin.org.uk
☎420681

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for *tinned tomatoes; long life fruit juice; tinned rice; small jars of coffee; 500g bags of sugar & men's deodorant*. 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.*



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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