



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 22nd April 2018 The Fourth 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.

The Collect

**Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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: Canon Michael Roden
 Setting: Rutter
 Processional Hymn: **696** Jesus, where'er thy people meet - Wareham
 Seekers' Song: **800** The Lord's my shepherd
 Lesson Readings: Acts 4:5-12 *read by Wendy Hazelwood*
 1 John 3:16-end
 Gradual: Psalm 23 (see page 4)
 Gospel: John 10:11-18
 Offertory Hymn: **665** I am the Light whose brightness shines -
 Richmond
 Prayers are led by: Derry Charman
 Anthem: My shepherd is Lord – Oxley (see page 4)
 Communion Hymn: **724** Loving Shepherd of thy sheep - Buckland
 Recessional Hymn: **671** I will sing the wondrous story - Hyfrydol

Please take your bulletin home

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Introit: **696** Jesus, where'er thy people meet - Wareham
Offertory Hymn: **724** Loving Shepherd of thy sheep - Buckland
Final Hymn: **671** I will sing the wondrous story - Hyfrydol

6:30pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Processional Hymn: **608** Christ is our cornerstone - Harewood
Responses: Ferial
Psalm: 81:9-17 (Chant page 5)
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:4-15 *read by Trevor Groom*
Office Hymn: **664** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – St Peter
Canticles: Chants page 5
New Testament Lesson: Revelation 2:12-17
Anthem: And I saw another angel - Stanford
Offertory Hymn: **807** Thine for ever, God of love - Newington

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 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 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Mattins Evensong
Tuesday 1 st May	10am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Wednesday 2 nd May	1:30pm	Holy Communion at Elmside
Thursday 3 rd May	12:15pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 6 th May <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong

Readings for 29th April:

Morning Services: Acts 8:26-end; Psalm 22:25-end; 1 John 4:7-end; John 15:1-8

Evening Service: Psalm 96; Isaiah 60:1-14; Revelation 3:1-13



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Kim Khan & Jonathan Kitchener

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Christine Robson, 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

SPCK (Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge) publishes around the world, free easy to read and thought provoking books for prisoners, ex-offenders and vulnerable youth and adults. The message at the heart of one book 'Snake' by Matt Dickenson, is 'pick your friends with care', and it is having a noticeable effect with a group of young offenders. Let us pray for lives to be changed and for the influence of helpful books to grow.

Psalm 23

Geoff Nobes



The Lord is my shep herd there is no-thing that I want.

Choir: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I want.

All: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I want.*

Choir: The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.*

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I want.*

Choir: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff comfort me.

All: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I want.*

Choir: You spread a table before me in the presence

of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

All: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I want.*

Choir: Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I want.*

Sung Communion Anthem

My shepherd is Lord - Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need,
giving me rest in green and pleasant fields,

reviving my soul by finding fresh water,
guiding my ways with a shepherd's care.

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need.

Though I should walk in death's dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.
My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need.

You spread my table in sight of my foes,
anoint my head, my cup runs over;
you tend me with love always loyal.
I dwell with the Lord, as long as I live.
My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need.
Words from a Pilot Study on a Liturgical Psalter (Psalm 23)

Evensong Chants

Psalm 81:9-17

William Crotch



Magnificat

John Goss



Nunc Dimittis

Heathcote Statham



Evensong Anthem

And I saw another angel - C V Stanford (1852-1924)

And I saw another angel ascending from the east,
having the seal of the living God:
and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, saying,
“Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees,
till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

And lo, a great multitude, which no man could number,
of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues,
stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed with white robes and palms were in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice saying,
“Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb, Amen.”

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honour and power and might,
be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelations 7: 2-3, 9-10, 12



Future Events

24th Apr 8pm **Annual Parish Meeting** (see notice)

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 ☎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 a 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

20th May 3pm **Enterprising Women and the Country House: From Commission to Design & Construction** by Dr Megan Leyland, Senior Properties Historian, English Heritage in Holy Saviour Church. A Friends of Holy Saviour Church Talk and Tea event, this talk will explore various roles played by women in the patronage, design and construction of their country homes and gardens from the 18th and 19th centuries. Tickets £8 ("Friends" £7) are available from 01462 646257 or The Hitchin Initiative Office ... and include tea after the talk!



Notices

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*

St Mary's Crafts Fair, Saturday, 7th July. The fourth annual Crafts Fair will be held in the church on Saturday, 7th July, 10am until 4.00pm and has, in previous years, marked the beginning of the Hitchin Festival and attracted a great number of visitors. Painters, printers, potters, glassmakers and jewellers have already booked places at the fair and any parishioner interested in hiring a stand for the day should contact Peter Warren in the first instance: peterwarren@nasuwt.net Tel: 01462 621946

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*

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*

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 lethworth.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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