



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 13th May 2018 The Sunday after Ascension

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

**O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
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 Dan Drew
Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Setting: Tambling
Processional Hymn: **232** The head that once was crowned with
thorns – St Magnus
Seekers' Song: **639** Give thanks with a grateful heart
Lesson Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-end *read by Tony Read*
1 John 5:9-13 *read by Rosemary Read*
Gradual: Psalm 1 (see page 4)
Gospel: John 17:6-19
Offertory Hymn: **422** Alleluia, sing to Jesus – Hyfrydol
Prayers are led by: Nick & Amanda Evans-Pughe

Anthem: God is gone up with a merry noise - Croft
 Communion Hymn: **230** Holy for ever and ever is God – Colbooth
 Recessional Hymn: **224** Ascended Christ, who gained - Christchurch

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Dan Drew
 Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
 Introit: **232** The head that once was crowned with thorns –
 St Magnus
 Offertory Hymn: **691** Jesus shall reign
 Final Hymn: **224** Ascended Christ, who gained - Christchurch

5:30pm Choral Evensong at St Paul’s Bedford

Joint Choral Evensong sung by St Mary’s Choir with St Paul’s Choir, Bedford, at St Paul’s Church Bedford.

N.B. There will not be an evening service in St Mary’s today.

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 15 th May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th May	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 th May <i>Pentecost</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Third Sunday – Family Service Evening Prayer
Tuesday 22 nd May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24 th May	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong

Readings for 20th May:

Morning Services: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-36, 37b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16

Evening Service: Psalm 139:1-11; Ezekiel 36:22-28; Acts 2:22-38



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Kim Khan & Jonathan Kitchener; Laura Bainbridge & James Sturgeon

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Christine Robson, Richard, Heide, Judith Kent, Marjorie & Tom Weedon, Phil Richards, Vicky, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Bridget, Catherine Beavis, Sarah & Chris Parkinson, 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, Joan 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, Margaret Tait.

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

We remember before God those who have died: Colin Atkinson, Christian Smith, Erich Hofbauer, John Anstice Brown, Gordon Appleton, John Cunningham, Sophie Woodhams, Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

At the beginning of Christian Aid Week, we pray for a generous response, both in fundraising and giving for the work of Christian Aid. We pray also for those still suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew which struck Haiti 3 years ago, that all affected on that island will have a chance for a better life.

Psalm 1

Keith Duke



For the Lord knows the way, — the way of the right-eous.

Choir: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Choir: Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight us in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Choir: Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Choir: Therefore the wicked shall not be able
to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.



Future Events

17th May 7:30pm for 8pm **Wives' Group** are inviting **Stotfold Christian Choir to sing for them** in Church House. Everyone welcome

19th May 7.30pm **Hitchin Symphony Orchestra Concert** in Church. Conducted by Paul Rooke, leader Janet Hicks. Programme includes music by Mendelssohn; John McCabe; and Malcolm Arnold. Tickets bought by 16th May £12 adults/£10 concessions. Then £14 / £12 available from; ☎458614 <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/428076> or Hitchin Town Centre Initiative.

20th May 11:30am-4pm **Party in the Square** organised by CTH. Service at 11:30am, then food, stalls, activities and fun, all free. Please come along and bring others with you. More details from Phil Jackson phil.jackson@hcc.org.uk or 07842 133741

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, exploring 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) available from ☎ 646257 or The Hitchin Initiative Office and include tea after the talk!

23rd May 7:30 for 8pm Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting at Hitchin Christian Centre. After the meeting there will be a session led by Gail Adcock, Family Ministry Development Officer of the Methodist Church looking at ways to strengthen relations between generations in the church and community, and, by so doing, help to tackle the problem of loneliness that affects all ages. This is an open meeting and all are welcome, More information from John Richardson: johnrichardson891@btinternet.com or ☎07505 426876.



Notices

Alex Barnes (Mum to Henry, Charles and James) has just completed the **London Marathon** in just over 6 hours on the hottest London marathon ever! She ran for Ovarian Cancer Action in memory of her Mum, who died on 12/5/97. If you would like to donate to this cause, she would be really grateful. The link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alexandraebarnes>

I belong to a group from St Alban's who regularly take a van to Syria with goods for refugees. At the moment they are asking for: medical supplies, walking sticks. As long as bandages are still wrapped, they can use them. *Jean Green* 📞434985

On the evening of Thursday, 24th May St Mary's will host the Archdeacon's Visitation Evening, when Archdeacon Jonathan Smith will welcome and address the Churchwardens of our Diocese. It is necessary to provide refreshments for those who have travelled from around the area to attend this event, and these will be provided in Trinity Chapel after the Service. We need volunteers to provide some cakes and savouries for this and to help serve tea and coffee. Please contact one of the Churchwardens and if possible leave your name and contact number on the list at the back of the Church as soon as possible so that we can assess what needs to be arranged. There is a small budget to pay for ingredients, which can be discussed when you let us know.

We would be very grateful to receive any help in welcoming our guests and showing them our famous St Mary's hospitality.

All are, of course, welcome to attend the Visitation Service and the reception afterwards, but could you let a Churchwarden know beforehand so that we have an idea of numbers

Anne Senechal, Warwick Wiggen, Elizabeth Cranfield, Derry Charman

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 4pm 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 📞621946

Ecclesiastical Insurance is donating £130 to a church for every new home insurance policy taken out, to celebrate their 130th anniversary. For St Mary's to benefit from this offer visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or phone 08007830130 and quote TRUST130.

Hitchin Foodbank: The most urgent need is for **Tinned meat; long life milk; long life fruit juice; tinned tomatoes; tinned rice; noodles; small instant coffee; 500g sugar; tinned custard**. 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.*



Christian Aid Week Sunday 13th May – Saturday 19th May

As for many years at this time, House-to-House Collections are being organized all over our town by Churches Together in Hitchin – focused this year on helping victims of hurricanes.

If for any reason you don't receive an envelope through your front door, please take one from the box at the back of church, and put your donation, Gift-Aided if possible, into our ancient black chest – or add it to any of our service collections. WE WILL GLADLY INCLUDE ALL SUCH GIFTS AS PART OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK UNTIL THE END OF MAY. With grateful thanks, *Wendy Sternberg*



A prayer for Christian Aid Week

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ offers us abundant living [John 10:10]

- Where food and shelter are freely given, [Mat 25:35-36]
- Where a sharing community is generous to all, [1 Tim 6:18]
- Where mercy triumphs over judgement, [James 2:13]
- And where loving kindness overcomes love of wealth. [1 Tim 6:10]

In this Christian Aid Week:

- Give our Collectors confidence and courage to meet the people of Hitchin,
- And inspire the public to respond with cheerful giving [2 Cor 9:7]

for the sake of the refugees, the poor, and the homeless of this world.



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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Details of future notices are needed by Wednesday and should be sent by email to stmarys.bulletin.hitchin@gmail.com or, if this is not possible left in the "Bulletin Editor" pigeon hole at Church House.

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