



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 20th May 2018 Pentecost

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

**God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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

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Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew
Setting: Rawsthorne
Processional Hymn: **237** Christians, lift up your hearts – *Salve Festa Dies*
Lesson Readings: Acts 2:1-21 *read by Robin Sternberg*
Romans 8:22-27 *read by Elaine Howe*
Gradual: Psalm 104:26-36; 37b
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16 *read by John Eve*
Offertory Hymn: **242** Come, Holy Spirit, come - *Diademata*
Prayers are led by: Belinda Copson
Anthem: If ye love me – Ledger (see page 4)

Communion Hymn: **258** O thou who camest from above - Hereford
 Lighting of candles: **241** Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire – Veni Creator
 Recessional Hymn: **265** There's a spirit in the air - Lauds

11.15am Third Sunday Family Service

Led by: The Revd Dan Drew

6:30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Responses: Said
 Psalm: 139:1-11
 Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 36:22-28 *read by Jimmy Dawson*
 Canticles: Said
 New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:22-38

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 21 st May	2.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Colin Atkinson RIP
Tuesday 22 nd May	10am 2:30pm	Holy Communion Funeral Service for Christian Smith RIP
Thursday 24 th May	12:15pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion Archdeacon's Visitation Evening (see notice)
Sunday 27 th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
Tuesday 29 th May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 31 st May	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 rd June <i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 5pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Communion with Commentary

Readings for 27th May:

Morning Services: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17; 16
 Evening Service: Psalm 104:1-10; Ezekiel 1:4-10, 22-28a; Revelation 4



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.

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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.

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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

St John's College in Sri Lanka, which was founded by the Church Mission Society (CMS) is a hostel caring for displaced children. Many had behavioural problems and were failing their exams. The Wardens have continued in efforts to turn things round and are now seeing the first boys returning with degrees. Let us pray for God's spirit to show these boys the way forward in their lives - now full of promise.

Sung Communion Anthem

If ye love me – Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever;
even the spirit of truth.

John 14: 15-17

Letchworth Foodbank



This is a project founded by local churches and community groups (supported by The Trussell Trust), working together towards stopping hunger in our local area with outlets in Hitchin, Letchworth and Baldock.

St Mary's has been supporting this project since its inception and a number of you already donate food and/or volunteer.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need. Over 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at foodbanks in the UK.

Foodbank clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a warm drink or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.

Our local foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. St Mary's is a collection point at the back of the church and there are other collection points in Sainsbury's and Waitrose and other churches in Hitchin. Those who shop online at Ocado can give to the Trussell Trust through their Foodbank voucher scheme – any money donated is matched by Ocado, and the Trussell Trust then use the money to purchase whatever they most need.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to the ability to give everyone referred a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Currently, 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.**

Further information can be found at <https://letchworth.foodbank.org.uk>



Future Events

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.

12th June 7:30pm-9:30pm **Group Safeguarding Training** in Church House (see notice).

14th June 8pm **Mothers' Union Summer Social** in Church House

16th June 10am-12noon **Group Safeguarding Training** in Church House (see notice)



Notices

The pulpit flowers are given today by Claire and Simon Royce for the glory of God and to mark their 28th Wedding Anniversary.

Group Safeguarding Training Tues 12th June 7.30pm-9:30pm **OR** Sat 16th June 10am-12noon The sessions are open to the following church officers/volunteers who have not completed St Mary's safeguarding training in the past two years:

Servers, Welcomers, Sidespersons, Bell Ringers, Choir/Music Group members, Pastoral/Home Visitors, Churchwardens, Readers, Seekers Leaders.

Each session will be "on line" with the detail being projected onto a large screen allowing everyone to participate in a relaxed environment. Sign-up sheets are at back of Church. *Bob Robinson* email bobrobinsons@hotmail.com

Christian Aid Week, with its House-to-House Collections for hurricane victims, ended officially on 19th May. However, for those who were not contacted, we have spare donation envelopes at the back of church above the old black chest. You can “post” a donation into that chest, and we will include it in the Week’s total up to 3rd June. You can also donate online at caweek.org or by phoning 08080 006 006 Many thanks, *Wendy Sternberg*

The District Church Council met on 9 May and the minutes are at the back of church together with a list of the committees and members. I would be pleased to e mail them to you, my address is jd.burns@btinternet.com *Sylvia Burns*

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

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend the Visitation Service where Churchwardens from our Diocese will be blessed by Archdeacon Jonathan Smith at 7.30 pm here on Thursday 24th May.



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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