



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Trinity 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. At the 9:35am service we welcome in baptism Loraine Close.

### ***The Collect***

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen**

### **8.00am – Holy Communion**

President: Canon Michael Roden

### **9.35am – Sung Communion with Baptism**

President & Preacher: The Revd Hilary Oakley

Setting: Appleford

Processional Hymn: **276** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! -  
Nicaea

Lesson Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 *read by Ben Watson*  
Romans 8:12-17

Gradual: Psalm 29 (see page 4)

Gospel: John 3:1-17; 16 *read by Belinda Copson*

Offertory Hymn: **268** Affirm anew the three-fold name – Kingsfold

Prayers are led by: Warwick Wiggen

Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity – Tchaikovsky (see Hymn  
276)

Communion Hymn: **275** Holy, holy, holy One - Randolph

Recessional Hymn: **626** Father in whom we live - Diademata

## 11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Revd Hilary Oakley

Troait: **276** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! - Nicaea

Offertory Hymn: **272** Father, Lord of earth and heaven - Stuttgart

Final Hymn: **626** Father in whom we live - Diademata

## 6:30pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden

Processional Hymn: **589** Angel-voices ever singing – Angel Voices

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 104:1-9 (chant below)

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 1:4-10 *read by*

Office Hymn: **25** We praise you, Father, for your gift –  
Gonfalon Royal

Canticles: Chants below

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:22-38

Anthem: O Trinity, most blessed light – Archer (see page  
5)

Offertory Hymn: **663** How shall I sing that majesty – Coe Fen

## Evensong Chants

### Psalm 104:1-9



### Magnificat



### Nunc Dimittis





# Prayers for people

**We pray for all those who are to be baptised, including:** Loraine Close.

**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:** Nigel Sillis, 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

In August and October last year, there were two General Elections in Kenya - the second one ordered by the Courts after dispute over the first. The second vote took place amidst continuing tension and clashes with the police - especially in the university campuses. Students lay low in a state of dread. CMS supports a couple teaching at the Presbyterian University of East Africa. While experiencing the unrest they remained in post - praying for courage and the return of calm. Let us thank God for their witness and that peace has returned to Kenya.

# Psalm 29

Colin Mawby



May the Lord bless his peo - ple, bless his peo-ple with peace.

*Choir: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Choir: Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Choir: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Choir: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Choir: The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Choir: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry "Glory"!

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Choir: The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
The Lord sits enthroned as a king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**All: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

# Evensong Anthem

**O Trinity, most blessed light** – Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

O Trinity, most blessed light,  
 O unity of sovereign might,  
 as now the fiery sun departs,  
 shed thou thy beams within our hearts.

To thee our morning song of praise,  
 to thee our evening prayer we raise;  
 thee may our souls for evermore  
 in lowly reverence adore.

All praise to God the Father be,  
 all praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
 whom with the Spirit we adore,  
 for ever and for evermore.

*Words ascribed to St Ambrose (340-97) Tr. J M Neale (1818-66)*

## 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 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June <i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 5pm 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Communion with Commentary Evensong
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1:30pm	Holy Communion at Elmside
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	12:15pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June <i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Choral Evensong

### Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> June:

Morning Services: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

Evening Service: Psalm 35; Jeremiah 5:1-19; Romans 7:7-end



## Future Events

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

14<sup>th</sup> June 7pm **Mothers' Union Cheese & Wine** at Sonia Bloom's

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

23<sup>rd</sup> June **Friends of Holy Saviour Church trip to Rousham Gardens, near Bicester** The coach will depart Woodside carpark at 9am, returning by 6pm. Cost £26, including coach fare, admission to the gardens, and tea and cake at a nearby hotel before we start for home. There are no catering facilities on site, so a picnic lunch is essential. Please note that children under 15 are not admitted to the gardens. More details about Rousham at [www.rousham.org](http://www.rousham.org) To book a place, or for more information email [alan.fleck@ntlworld.com](mailto:alan.fleck@ntlworld.com) or ☎ 01462 646257

23<sup>rd</sup> June 7:30pm **Hitchin Chamber Orchestra and Hitchin Jazz Collective Concert** in Church. "Jazz, Song and Strings on a Summer's Eve", with music by Gershwin, Quincy Jones, Sade and others. Advance tickets £12 adults/£6 children & students from Eventbrite or Hitchin Initiative Churchyard. Tickets on the door £14/£7. See [www.hitchinchamberorchestra.org](http://www.hitchinchamberorchestra.org)



## Notices

**Group Safeguarding Training** Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm-9:30pm **OR** Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bobrobinsons@hotmail.com)

**Christian Aid Week**, with its House-to-House Collections for hurricane victims, ended officially on 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June. You can also donate online at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) or by 📞 08080 006 006 Many thanks, *Wendy Sternberg*

**The District Church Council met on 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jd.burns@btinternet.com)  
*Sylvia Burns*

## **Tearfund’s Global Prayer Moment**

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tearfund, who work in over 50 countries around the world to relieve poverty, they are asking Christians everywhere to unite today in saying the following prayer specially composed for them by Archbishop Justin Welby.

***Gracious and generous God, you became poor so that we might be enriched by your love, and you gave the world’s wealth and resources as a common inheritance of all human beings.***

***We pray you would strengthen your church to be a beacon of hospitality for the poor.***

***We pray that, seeing the light of Christ’s love, the nations and peoples of the world may fight not to kill, but to outdo one another in care for the poor, and in actions of gracious generosity.***

***Through him who for our sakes did not grasp the wealth of heaven, but instead gave his all to live for us as a slave, and die for us in pain, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen***



## 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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- *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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