



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 6th May 2018 The Sixth 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

**God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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
Organist: Stanley Carter
Setting: Rutter
Processional Hymn: **487** Christ is the one who calls – Love Unknown
Lesson Readings: Acts 10:44-end *read by Warwick Wigger*
1 John 5:1-6 *read by Jen Lynch*
Gradual: Psalm 98 (see page 4)
Gospel: John 15: 9-17
Offertory Hymn: **454** Love is his word, love is his way - Cresswell
Prayers are led by: Michael Taylor
Anthem: Come, ye faithful – Thatcher
Communion Hymn: **456** Now let us from this table rise - Solothurn
Recessional Hymn: **748** O Jesus, I have promised - Wolvercote

11.15am Storyteller Service

Led by: Canon Michael Roden

6:30pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
 Organist: Stanley Carter
 Processional Hymn: **362** Come, let us join our cheerful songs - Nativity
 Responses: Ferial
 Psalm: 45 (Chant page 5)
 Old Testament Lesson: Song of Solomon 4:16-5:2; 8:6,7 *read by Mike Steele*
 Office Hymn: **686** Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire – Metzler's Redhead
 Canticles: Chants page 5
 New Testament Lesson: Revelation 3:14-end
 Anthem: Come, ye faithful – Thatcher
 Offertory Hymn: **218** Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son - Maccabeus

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 8 th May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th May <i>Ascension Day</i>	7:30am 12:15pm	Tower Service Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th May <i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>The Sunday after Ascension</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 5:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Mattins Joint Choral Evensong – 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 on this date.
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

Readings for 13th May:

Morning Services: Acts 1:15-17,21-end; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19



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, 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, 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, Michael Taylor.

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

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

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Psalm 98

Andrew Wright



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of God.

Choir: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

*Choir: Sing to the Lord a new song
for he had done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.*

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

*Choir: The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

*Choir: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.*

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

*Choir: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.*

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

*Choir: Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.*

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Evensong Chants

Psalm 45

C Hubert H Parry



Magnificat

Edward Elgar



Nunc Dimittis

Edward Elgar



Future Events

10th May 8pm **Mothers' Union "Travels with a bear"** by Paul Lanham in Church House.

11th May 12noon **Fish n Chip Lunch** in Church House. Cost £5.50. All welcome. Please arrive by 12noon to place your order.

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

13th May 5:30pm **Joint Choral Evensong** – St Mary's Choir with St Paul's Choir, Bedford at St Paul's Church, Bedford. Music will include: Introit "God is gone up" by Croft; Rose Responses; Sumsion in D canticles, and the Anthem "God is gone up" by Finzi. All welcome.

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!



Notices

Christian Aid Week 13th to 19th May Next Sunday is the beginning of Christian Aid Week. Many thanks to all who are taking part in the house-to-house-collections and other fund-raising activities. Contact Helen Richardson, Christian Aid Week Organiser for Hitchin and the villages, if you are able to help in any way helenwrich@btinternet.com or 07505 426876.

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 Wigen, Elizabeth Cranfield, Derry Charman

Pilgrimages in 2019 and 2020 The Diocese is organising five pilgrimages, two in 2019 and three in 2020. Full details and brochures are available on their pilgrimages website: <http://stalbanspilgrimages.org.uk> Brief details are:
2019

In May Archdeacon Paul & Canon Liz Hughes offer a ten-day programme to the Holy Land, based in Jerusalem and Galilee.

·In September Archdeacon Janet will be leading a progress along the Camino Trail to Santiago de Compostela. This tour offers some limited walking but also uses air-conditioned coaches!

2020 (the year of the Oberammergau Passion Play).

·In June The Revd Dennis Stamps, Rector of Harpenden, will host a tour based in St Martin & Lofer

·During the August school holidays Bishop Michael and his wife Lizzie will lead a programme staying in Imst

·In September The Revd Canon Abi Thompson and The Revd Dr Berkeley Zych, Sub Dean and Precentor of St Albans Cathedral, are leaders for a visit based at Strobl on the Wolfgangsee.

All pilgrimages are open for booking now. *Jimmy & Christa Dawson from the congregation have been on all the diocesan pilgrimages above, and are happy to talk to those who would like to know more. They can be contacted on ☎456210*

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

Reminder from the Giving Committee: please pick up your personally addressed envelope from the back of the Church this week. We will be posting out all those remaining during the following week, but would like to keep the cost of postage to a minimum. If there is no envelope for you, please take home a leaflet from the pile by the "Pledges Box" Thank you.
Lesley Davies

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.*



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.
- Part-time Curate – The Revd Dan Drew ☎ 07738 553264
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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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