



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 8th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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
 Setting: Tambling
 Processional Hymn: **6** Lord, as the day begins – Little Cornard
 Seekers' Song: **389** Spirit of God, unseen as the wind – Skye Boat Song
 Lesson Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Gradual: Psalm 48 (see page 4)
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13
 Prayers are led by: Paul Bradley
 Offertory Hymn: **814** Thy hand, O God has guided - Thornbury
 Anthem: O for a closer walk with God - Stamford
 Communion Hymn: **434** Christ bids us break the bread - Franconia

Recessional Hymn: **477** Go forth and tell! - Woodlands
Voluntary: Prelude in the classic style – Young *played by*
Rose Norris

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Introit: **6** Lord, as the day begins – Little Cornard
Offertory Hymn: **714** Lord of all power – Slane
Final Hymn: **477** Go forth and tell! - Woodlands

6:30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden
Introit: O sing joyfully – Batten (words below)
Processional Hymn: **569** The kingdom of God is justice and joy -
Paderborn
Responses: Bertalot
Psalm: 64
Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 20:1-11a
Office Hymn: **704** Let all the world in every corner sing -
Luckington
Canticles: Sumsion in D
New Testament Lesson: Romans 14:1-17
Anthem: I saw the Lord – Stainer (words Isaiah 6:1-4)
Offertory Hymn: **795** The kingdom is upon you! - Wolvercote

Choral Evensong Introit

O Sing Joyfully - Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, bring hither the tabret:
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:
even in the time appointed and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel:
and a law of the God of Jacob.

Psalm 81: 1-4



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Laura Bainbridge & James Sturgeon; Elizabeth Gawley Green & Joe Mulcahy; Natalie Thomas & Allan Grimshaw; Ceri Thomas & Ben Sparrow, Julie Sandell & Gary Jacklin, Amie Ibbotson & Alexander Wainwright, Holly Lee & Thomas Mitchell, Emily Chester & David Foster

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Glynis Rogers, Nigel Sillis, Christine Robson, Richard, Heide, 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: 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, 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: Sheila Axtens, Veronica Bailey, David Harris, Judith Kent.
...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

Tools with a Mission (TWAM) is a Christian charity which aims to meet practical needs worldwide by sending 'TOOLS'. These include sewing machines, knitting machines, carpentry kits, boxes of haberdashery, wheel chairs and bicycles. The charity was started more than 20 years ago. Let us pray for the smooth running of the organisation and for the lives made productive on receiving appropriate tools.

Psalm 48

Andrew Wright



Great is the Lord and high-ly to be_ praised.

Choir: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

All: **Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.**

Choir: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, in the city of our God.
His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, the joy of all the earth.
On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place,
stands in the city of the great king.
In her palaces God has shown himself to be a sure refuge.

All: **Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.**

Choir: For behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and swept forward together.
They saw, and were dumbfounded; dismayed, they fled in terror.
Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in labour,
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

All: **Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.**

Choir: As we have heard, so we have seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts,
the city of our God:
God has established her for ever.

All: **Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.**

Choir: We have waited on your loving-kindness,
O God in the midst of your temple.
As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of justice.
Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad,
because of your judgements, O Lord.

All: **Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.**

Choir: Walk about Zion and go round about her; count all her towers;
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,
that you may tell those who come after
that such is our God for ever and ever.
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

All: **Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.**



Future Events

10th July 1.05pm **Piano recital by Joanna Lam** in Church. Joanna is a prize-winning pianist who has studied at Chetham's and KCL. The programme includes Rachmaninov, Schumann & Medtner. Free with retiring collection.

11th July 8pm (N.B. new time) **An Extraordinary Parish Meeting** at St Mark's Church Hall (N.B. new location). To approve the 2017 accounts of the Parochial Church Council. This meeting is open to all members of the churches in the parish and you are welcome to attend. It will last about 30 mins. I have circulated the accounts by email (there are 19 pages) to all the members of St Mary's District Church Council and would be pleased to email them to anyone else on request to me at jd.burns@btinternet.com *Sylvia Burns PCC Secretary*

12th July 8pm **Mothers' Union "Talk on China"** by Revd Steve Wood in Church House

13th July 1.05pm **The Galliard Trio Concert** in Church. A homecoming for flautist Andrew Morris. Programme includes music by Britten & Mussorgsky. Free with retiring collection.

14th July 7.30pm **"Music from the Shows" Concert** by Hitchin Band in Church. Tickets available from Hitchin Festival Box Office ☎ 453335 - £8 (£4 children). On the door £10 (£5).

15th July 1pm **North Herts Inter Faith dedication of a picnic table** at the Friends' Meeting House, Brand Street. The Forum comments: 'We would like this to be a happy occasion of witness to the town of the good inter-faith relations that already exist locally.' All welcome.

17th July 1.05pm **Clever Words by Clever Writers** in Church. An hour of light-hearted froth in song & anecdotes from Noel Coward, Flanders & Swann, Stephen Sondheim & Tom Lehrer. Free with retiring collection.

19th July 7:30pm for 8pm **Wives' Group** in Church House. "Bend the knee" by Mary Godfrey. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

20th July 1.05pm **"Fearless" by Caroline Owen** in Church. One violin – one electrifying violinist! Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn & Kriesler. Free with retiring collection.

21st July 7:30pm **Concert by North Herts Guild of Singers** to celebrate their 50th anniversary in Church. Includes Haydn's Nelson Mass & Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb. Tickets on sale at Hitchin Festival Box Office ☎ 453335. £12 (£8 for those in full time education).

24th July 1.05pm **Piano Recital by Masa Tayama** in Church. Includes music by Beethoven, Bach & Mendelssohn. Free with retiring collection.

27th July 1.05pm **Quintessimo Concert** in Church. A quintet including Liz Childs performing a large repertoire of classical, romantic, contemporary & show music. Free with retiring collection.

28th July 7:30pm **Wine, Women and Song** a Concert by Caritas Harmony in Church. This accomplished and award winning choir perform regularly throughout Beds, Herts and Bucks under the skilled direction of Musical Director, Margaret Blenkin. Tickets on sale at Hitchin Festival Box Office ☎453335 £10 (Under 12s free) Proceeds from this concert are in aid of Tilehouse Counselling Service.



Notices

The pulpit flowers are given today by Margaret Tait for the glory of God and in loving memory of Roy and Andrew Tait.

The Reverend James Sawyer has been appointed as Rector of Hormead, Wyddial, Anstey, Brent Pelham and Meesden near Buntingford. He hopes to start in September. Meanwhile please remember James, Rosie and the family in your prayers as they prepare to move.

The Secretary to the DCC Sylvia Burns, is due to stand down later in the Autumn and we would like to hear from anyone in the congregation, suitably qualified, who would like to take over the duties involved. Please contact a Churchwarden or leave details with the Parish Office. Sylvia will continue to act as Secretary to the Parish.

ROTW 11th August 2018 Subject to Licence, one of the stages for Rhythms of the World (ROTW) on Saturday 11th August, 2018 is St Mary's. As has been done in the past, it would be nice if St Mary's congregation and friends could provide the stewards required for St Mary's. I will provide further details and sign-up sheets when the Licence has been approved by the council. This is just a heads-up to ask you to think about reserving the date for one (or more!) 3hour shifts between 11:30am and 8pm. Thank you. *Elizabeth Cranfield*

Mother's Union raised £110 at their cheese and wine event on Sunday 24th June for the Summer of Hope Appeal. Thank you for your support.

The Foodbank has noticed that during the weeks of the school holidays, there has been a sharp rise in the number of families requiring food parcels. This is because during term time, their children have been receiving free school lunches, and during the holidays they cannot find the money to purchase extra food for their children. So the Foodbank is providing on a trial basis, lunch boxes for the children instead of a food parcel. The families will still only be able to obtain these, when necessary, through the red voucher system, referred from their School. The foodbank would appreciate donations of **packs of Cereal Bars, Tinned Meat [Meatballs/hot dogs/ Mince etc], Tinned Tuna, Sponge Puddings (Pk of 2), Biscuits 250g, Tinned Fruit & Rice Pudding, Pasta 500g, Sauce for Pasta, Longlife Juice, Sweets/Crisps**

As always we are very grateful for your continued support and donations for our Food parcels as well.

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.

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| Tuesday 10 th July | 10am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 12 th July | 12:15pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 15 th July | 8am | Holy Communion |
| <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> | 9:35am | Sung Communion |
| | 11.15am | Third Sunday – Family Service |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Prayer |
| Tuesday 17 th July | 10am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 29 th July | 12:15pm | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 22 nd July | 8am | Holy Communion |
| <i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> | 9:35am | Sung Communion |
| | 11.15am | Mattins |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Prayer with hymns |

Readings for 15th July:

Morning Services: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

Evening Service: Psalms 66; Job 4:1, 5:6-end; Romans 15:14-29



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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