



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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The Summer Holiday Bulletin 2018 Sundays 12th, 19th, 26th August 2018

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.

	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.
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	<i>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.</i>
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	<i>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.</i>
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Services on 12th August 2018

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

**God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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: The Revd Dan Drew

9.35am – Sung Communion

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden

Organist: Stanley Carter

Setting: Appleford

Processional Hymn: **448** I come with joy, a child of God – St Botolph

Lesson Readings: **2** Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 *read by Trevor Groom*

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 *read by Julian Rowland*

Gradual: **657** Help us to help each other, Lord - Richmond

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Prayers are led by: Trevor Groom

Offertory Hymn: **453** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor – St Helen

Communion Hymn: **725** Make me a channel of your peace – St Francis

Recessional Hymn: **644** God is love: let heaven adore him – Abbot's Leigh

11.15am – Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden

Introit: **448** I come with joy, a child of God – St Botolph

Offertory Hymn: **453** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor – St Helen

Final Hymn: **644** God is love: let heaven adore him – Abbot's Leigh

6:30pm – Evening Prayer with Hymns

Officiant & Preacher:	Canon Michael Roden
Hymn:	631 Fight the good fight with all thy might – Duke Street
Responses:	Said
Psalm:	91:1-12
Old Testament Lesson:	Job 39:1-40:4 <i>read by the Clergy</i>
Office Hymn:	692 Jesus, good above all other – Quem pastores
Canticles:	Said
New Testament Lesson:	Hebrews 12:1-17
Offertory Hymn:	826 Ye holy angels bright – Darwall's 148 th

Services on 19th August 2018 **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

The Collect

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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:	Appleford
Processional Hymn:	327 Awake, awake! Fling off the night – Deus Tuorum Militum
Lesson Readings:	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3: 3-14 <i>read by Sue Bathmaker</i> Ephesians 5:15-20 <i>read by Max Abbatt</i>

Gradual: **116** Be thou my guardian and my guide -
Abridge
Gospel: John 6:51-58
Prayers are led by: Brenda Wiseman
Offertory Hymn: **422** Alleluia, sing to Jesus - Hyfrydol
Communion Hymn: **455** My God, and is thy table spread -
Rockingham
Recessional Hymn: **782** Songs of praise the angels sang -
Northampton

11.15am – Third Sunday – Family Service

Led by: The Revd Dan Drew

6:30pm – Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: The Revd Ian Todd
Responses: Said
Psalm: 100
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 2:23-3:10 *read by Barry Arends*
Canticles: Said
New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-15

Services on 26th August 2018 **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

The Collect

**Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

8.00am – Holy Communion

President: The Revd Dan Drew

9.35am – Sung Communion

President & Preacher:	The Revd Hilary Oakley
Setting:	Appleford
Processional Hymn:	1 pt 1 and dox Awake, my soul, and with the sun – Morning Hymn
Lesson Readings:	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 <i>read by Margery Bedingfield</i> Ephesians 6:10-20 <i>read by Sarah Free</i>
Gradual:	664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – St Peter
Gospel:	John 6:56-69
Prayers are led by:	Robin Sternberg
Offertory Hymn:	648 God of grace and God of glory – Regent Square
Communion Hymn:	714 Lord of all power, I give you my will - Slane
Recessional Hymn:	630 Father, Lord of all creation – Abbot's Leigh

11.15am – Mattins

Officiant & Preacher:	The Revd Hilary Oakley
Introit:	1 pt 1 and dox Awake, my soul, and with the sun – Morning Hymn
Hymn:	648 God of grace and God of glory – Regent Square
Offertory Hymn:	630 Father, Lord of all creation – Abbot's Leigh

6:30pm – Evening Prayer with Hymns

Officiant & Preacher:	To be confirmed
Hymn:	807 Thine forever! God of love - Newington
Responses:	Said
Psalms:	Psalms 116: 11-16
Old Testament Lesson:	Exodus 4:27-5:1 <i>read by Barry Arends</i>
Office Hymn:	805 There is a Redeemer
Canticles:	Said
New Testament Lesson:	Hebrews 13:16-21
Offertory Hymn:	608 Christ is our cornerstone - Harewood



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: 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: Cynthia Myers, Mary Hayes, Suren Gupta, Bob West, Glynis Rogers, Richard, Heide, Phil Richards, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Bridget, Catherine Beavis, Sarah & Chris Parkinson, Lewis, Adrian Hinksman, Margaret Bishop, 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, Helen Cotton, Jill Eve, Craig Hamil, Jean Harris, Cameron Harrison, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, Margaret Lysons, José Perry, Lona Pope, Bill Shinn, Peter Stevens, Mark Vincent, Ron & Bertha Walters, Marjorie & Tom Weedon.
...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We also pray for: Anne, Pam Barber, Margaret Beddard, Mary Brenchley, Brigitte, Helen, Brian Jones, Michael Mansie, Angela McNally, Monika, Gill Shinkins, Margaret Tait.
...and we pray for all who love and care for them.

We remember before you O God, those who have died: Joan Burton, Noel Jones, Suzie Bloom, Sheila Axtens.
...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

For August 12th

A ROCHA UK is a Christian Charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world as a demonstration of Christian hope for God's world. A Rocha works through local churches who become active in listed ways to win Eco-Awards. Let us pray for that programme to grow and for each of us to play our part for the environment.

For August 19th

SPCK (Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge) aims to lead the way in creating books and resources which help everyone to make sense of faith. The organisation recently won Christian Publisher of the Year award One book 'Prayers on the Move' has been very helpful to lapsed Christians and is being promoted in 5 major cities in the UK this year (eg on the London underground) Let us pray for lapsed Christians worldwide that they may be challenged by such publications.

For August 26th

Nearly three years on from the Paris UN Climate Talks, there is an encouraging consensus affirming global support for the Paris Agreement. However, there is concern about a lack of commitment by a few countries. Let us pray that the benefits of practical action to reduce climate change may be a challenge to all, as global warming threatens our world.



Future Events

19th August 1:30pm (doors open) 2pm (Pre-show event) 2:30pm (play begins)
A Midsummer Night's Dream by Drama Impact in the grounds of the estate of St Paul's Walden. Come and see a performance of the classic Shakespeare play preceded by an inclusive director's talk and interactive fun workshop. Audience members are invited to bring picnics and seating. Tickets available from <http://dramaimpact.com/events/open-air-shakespeare/> and proceeds will be donated to Health and Hope for the work of Dr Sasa in Myanmar.

8th Sept **Bike 'n Hike Day** see notice

30th Sept **Harvest Festival**



Notices

Canon Michael Roden has been appointed as Canon Chancellor of Bristol Cathedral. His last service in St Mary's will be Evensong on Christ the King, November 25th, and his service of installation in Bristol will be at 3:30pm on January 12th 2019. Please keep Michael, Janet, Willeke and Pieter in your prayers as they prepare for this move.

I am to be instituted and inducted to the post of Rector for Hormead, Wyddial, Ansted, Brent Pelham and Meesden on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 7.30pm by the Bishop of Hertford. The venue is yet to be confirmed but will, in all likelihood, be either St George's Anstey or St Nicholas's Great Hormead. *The Revd James Sawyer*

Saturday 8th September is Bike 'n Hike Day when we're invited by Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust to visit – on foot or bike – any number of churches in this area, as many as you like, and at the same time to raise funds by sponsorship. Half of what you raise will go to the church of your choice, and the other half to the Trust to offer grants for church repairs.

- **Like to take part?** Please pick up a Sponsorship Pack at the back of church, or ring as below.
- **Care to help for an hour or two?** Put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back. We welcome Bikers and Hikers who come to St Mary's on the day, sign their forms and offer them a drink.

Find out more at <http://www.b-n-h.co.uk>

Many thanks, *Robin and Wendy Sternberg 684588*

Choir Summer Musical Activities As usual, several of our choristers are taking part in musical events during the choir's summer break.

Max Abbatt and Ben Watson will be attending the RSCM course for young people being held at Kingswood School, Bath from 20th-26th August, including singing services in Bath Abbey on 24th-26th August.

Alumni **Tim Cranfield and Heather Fuller** are travelling down to Salisbury to sing daily Cathedral services on the summer course of the Millennium Youth Choir (27th August to 2nd September). The Evensong service on 29th August will be broadcast live on Radio 3.

We wish them all an enjoyable visit. *Ed Kisby*

HeartEdge is a network of mainly larger town-centre parish churches of which St Mary's was one of the first to join last year. Its focus is on enriching congregational life with community outreach, cultural expressions of faith, and commercial enterprise, all integrated into the abundant life of a thriving church. More details at www.heartedge.org

HeartEdge has announced its first National Conference entitled "**Commerce, Compassion, Culture, Congregation... It's All Church!**" It's spread over two days:

- Wed 12th Sept 2018 at St Martin-in-the-Fields, starting 10am, including an evening Eucharist and live Jazz

- Thu 13th Sept 2018 at Lambeth Palace, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Distinguished contributors include Vicar of St Martin's Sam Wells, Vicar of St James Piccadilly Lucy Winkett, and Archbishop Justin Welby.

Tickets can be booked at:

<http://www.tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/ODYyLTU/t>

The cost is £80 for members (including all of you!) or £100 for non-members.

It's also possible just to book for either one of the two days. For further details, see the flyer at the back of church, but do also speak to: *Robin Sternberg*, 📞684588

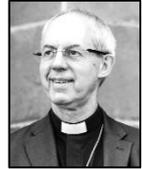
The Secretary to the DCC Sylvia Burns, is due to stand down later in the Autumn and we would like to hear from anyone in the congregation, suitably qualified, who would like to take over the duties involved. Please contact a Churchwarden or leave details with the Parish Office. Sylvia will continue to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

Aquaid's Philip Veale Children's Centre, as most of you know, is our Charitable Giving Group's major long term responsibility, totally supporting over 150 children, clothing, feeding and educating them in Malawi. In addition to our faithful regular contributors, we are offering our wider congregations an opportunity to be part of this excellent cause, with retiring collections after services in August.

We'll then be planning for our annual Aquaid Lunch on 14th October. Before then, however, at our Harvest Festival on 30th September (*not* as mistakenly reported on 16th September), we'll be supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal for farmers in Malawi.



St Mary's praying with our Archbishop for peace & reconciliation



100 Years - 100 Days

We're in the 100 Days leading:

- from the 104th Anniversary of the start of the Great War on 4th August 2014
- to the 100th Anniversary of its end on 11th November 2018.

In preparation for that centenary, Archbishop Justin Welby has introduced "100 Days of Peace and Hope" daily Bible readings, reflections and prayers.

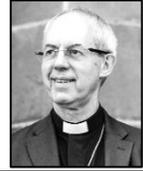
He is asking us to think and pray beyond Remembrance and Thanksgiving at the end of the Great War towards Peace and Reconciliation in our own time. He writes that "God's reconciliation asks that we disempower memories of destruction and their hold over individuals and societies," and "learn to approach difference with compassion rather than fear."

To be part of these 100 Days, reading and praying, do use the copy in St Andrew's Chapel, by the Prayer Board, or obtain your own copy, or daily downloads, from <http://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100days/>

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Summarising the Archbishop's Six R's of Reconciliation



Researching

Demythologise a conflict. Deal with hard questions of justice and inequality. Be present with sufferers

Relating

We have to love those in conflict – the bad and the good – for that is the pattern of God

Relieving

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (James 2:15-17). Jesus brought hope, life and healing

Risking

Incarnation was a huge risk. With reconciliation, there's the risk of failure, to balance against the hope of restoring relationships and flourishing societies

Restoring

Peacemakers are blessed (Matthew 5:9). Reconciliation transforms us into a new creation, restored and reinvigorated

Resourcing

Reconciling has to be done by those in conflict; but they need outsiders to resource, strengthen and build their capacity

A suggestion

On Sunday 11th November we'll gather round our War Memorial, honouring those who gave their lives. Shall we then think about making the War Memorial part of a Peace Garden in our churchyard?

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands and minds, to work for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer (9:05am) is said on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The Prayer Group meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 10am in church.

Tuesday 14 th August	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 th August	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th August		See pages 3-4
Tuesday 21 st August	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd August	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th August		See pages 4-5
Tuesday 28 th August	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 30 th August	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd September <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong

Readings for 2nd September:

Morning Services: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-7; James 1:17-end; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Evening Service: Psalm: 119:10-16; Exodus 12:21-27; Matthew 4:23- 5:20



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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