



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 The Sixteenth 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***

**O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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: Rutter  
Processional Hymn: **2** Christ, whose glory fills the skies - Ratisbon  
Lesson Readings: Proverbs 1:20-33 *read by Max Abbott*  
James 3:1-12 *read by Joanna Chugg*  
Gradual: Psalm 19 (see page 4)  
Gospel: Mark 8:27-end *read by The Revd Fizz Gibbs*  
Prayers are led by: Paul Bradley  
Offertory Hymn: **510** Will you come and follow me - Kelvingrove  
Anthem: View me, Lord - Lloyd (see page 5)  
Communion Hymn: **451** Just as I am, without one plea – Saffron Walden  
Recessional Hymn: **507** We have a gospel to proclaim – Fulda

## 11.15am – Third Sunday – Family Service

Led by:

Canon Michael Roden

## 6:30pm – Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Belinda Copson

Responses: Said

Psalm: 119: 73-88

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 18:13-26 *read by Jimmy Dawson*

Canticles: Said

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 7:1-14

## 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 18 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 3:30pm 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion with Baptism Mattins Baptisms Evensong
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Harvest Festival</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Service of the Word Choral Communion (BCP) Choral Evensong

### Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> September:

Morning Services: Proverbs 31:10-end; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

Evening Service: Psalm 119:137-152; Exodus 19:10-end; Matthew 8:23-end.



## Prayers for people

**We pray for all those who are to be married, including:** Kerri Salsbury & James Whishaw; Sonia Conetta & James Ormiston

**We pray for all who are ill, and by name for:** Noah, Margaret Tait, Ron Vickers, Cynthia Myers, Mary Hayes, 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, John Lee, 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.

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

**We remember before you O God, those who have died:** Gordon Collier, Suren Gupta, Kathleen Arrowsmith, Christopher Beal, Joan MacArthur, Joan Burton, Noel Jones.

**...and we pray for those who mourn.**

## Prayers for the World Church

Christian Aid asks us to include in our prayers the situation of school girls in Nigeria who have been abducted by the organisation BOKO HARAM. We are told of a girl who managed to escape, but has endured a horrific journey to safety. We pray for her and those in captivity, to be given strength and hope and release.

# Psalm 19

Gerry Fitzpatrick



The hea\_\_\_ vens are tell - ing the glo\_\_\_ ry of God.

*Choir: The heavens are telling the glory of God.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

*Choir: The heavens are telling the glory of God  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
One day pours out its song to another  
And one night unfolds knowledge to another.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

*Choir: They have either speech or language  
and their voices are not heard.  
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands  
and their words to the ends of the world.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

*Choir: In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

*Choir: It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

*Choir: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the simple.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

*Choir: The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure  
and gives light to the eyes.*

**All: The heavens are telling the glory of God.**

Choir: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.***

Choir: More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter also than honey,  
dripping from the honeycomb.

**All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.***

Choir: By them also is your servant taught  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tel how often they offend?  
O cleanse me from my secret faults!

**All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.***

Choir: Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins  
lest they get dominion over me:  
so I shall be undefiled  
and innocent of great offence.

**All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.***

Choir: Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight;  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**All: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.***

## **Sung Communion Anthem**

**View me, Lord** – Richard Lloyd (b.1933)

View me, Lord, a work of Thine:  
shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might Thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
at Thine altar pure and white:  
they that once Thy mercies feel,  
gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade  
when the heavenly light appears,  
but the covenants Thou hast made,  
endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,  
to Thy mercies fast I fly;  
though I am but clay and dust,  
yet Thy grace can lift me high.

*Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620), from Two Bookes of Ayres: The First Booke V (1613?)*



## Future Events

19<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm for 7.30pm **Churches Together in Hitchin (CTH)** Council at Wymondley Baptist Church, Little Wymondley. The CTH meeting will be preceded at 7.30pm by the Phase Annual Update, an opportunity to hear about our important work in schools. All welcome. Tea/coffee served from 7pm. Further information from John Richardson - johnrichardson891@btinternet.com or ☎07505 426876.

20<sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30pm for 8pm **Wives' Group** in Church House. A talk on her work as part of the London Luton Airport Chaplaincy Team by Pauline Davis. All members of St Mary's Church are very welcome.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 10am-3pm **Community Fair** in Hitchin Market Place. Organised by Phil Jackson of Hitchin Christian Centre/Zeo Church with the support of Churches Together in Hitchin to provide an opportunity for community groups in the area to show what they are doing. All welcome. Further details from Phil phil.jackson@hcc.org.uk

30<sup>th</sup> Sept **Harvest Festival**

11<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm **Mothers' Union "The Philip Veale Centre"** by Lois Veale in Church House



# Notices

**Pauline Sadler** has a temporary landline number for the next couple of weeks. Should you need to contact her please use 01462 454203. Many thanks.

**St Mary's Study Group** We welcome new members! We are about to start our autumn study series with a look at the Beatitudes in the gospel of Matthew. We are an evening group, meeting roughly fortnightly and discussions are often thought provoking but low key and relaxed. All you need is a Bible and a copy of the study guide (available inexpensively online or I can order for you). I am the group facilitator and several of us help to lead the sessions, which last about an hour. It's a very flexible arrangement - you can commit to one series at a time, or just to occasional sessions if your time is limited. Interested in giving us a try? Our next meeting is on Monday 24th September at 8pm at the home of one of the group members. For more information do contact me: *Belinda Copson*, [bcopson39@gmail.com](mailto:bcopson39@gmail.com)  
☎01462 431816

**After three years of wonderful service** our verger will leave us at the end of September. We would like to mark the occasion with a presentation to Andrew. Please give your contributions towards a gift to a Church Warden.

**The position of St Mary's Verger** is being advertised from September 1st. If you are interested in applying for this position, please see the St Mary's website for details and an application form.

**Ecclesiastical Insurance** is donating £130 to a church for every new home insurance policy taken out, to celebrate their 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For St Mary's to benefit from this offer visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130) or phone ☎08007830130 and quote TRUST130.



# 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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Details of future notices are needed by Wednesday and should be sent by email to [stmarys.bulletin.hitchin@gmail.com](mailto: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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