



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 23rd September 2018 The Seventeenth 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. Today we welcome in baptism William Brettell, Hughie Geoffrey Kristopher and Hunie Richardson.

The Collect

**Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 Melanie Crowley

9.35am – Sung Communion with Baptism

President & Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
 Setting: Appleford
 Processional Hymn: **584** All my hope on God is founded - Michael
 Seekers' Song: **728** (v1&3) Meekness and Majesty
 Lesson Readings: Proverbs 31:10-end
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 Gradual: Psalm 1 (see page 4)
 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
 Prayers are led by: Andrew Rogers
 Offertory Hymn: **763** Praise to the holiest in the height - Gerontius
 Anthem: Agnus Dei - Morley
 Communion Hymn: **604** Brother, sister let me serve you – Servant Song
 Recessional Hymn: **485** All-creating heavenly Giver - Rustington

Please take your bulletin home

11.15am – Mattins

Officiant & Preacher:	The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Introit:	676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise – St Denio
Hymn:	258 O thou who camest from above – Hereford
Offertory Hymn:	763 Praise to the holiest in the height - Gerontius

3:30pm Baptisms

6:30pm – Evensong

Officiant:	Warwick Wigger
Processional Hymn:	647 God moves in a mysterious way – London New
Responses:	Ferial
Psalm:	119:137-152 (chants page 5)
Old Testament Lesson:	Exodus 19:10-end <i>read by Terry Brazier</i>
Office Hymn:	14 Eternal light, shine in my heart - Herongate
Canticles:	Chants page 5
New Testament Lesson:	Matthew 8:23-end
Anthem:	Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace – SS Wesley (words below)
Offertory Hymn:	703 Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom - Alberta

Evensong Anthem

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace – S S Wesley (1810-76)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

Words from Isaiah 26:3, Psalm 139:11, John 1:5, Psalm 119:175, The Lord's Prayer



Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be baptised, including: William Brettell, Hughie Geoffrey Kristopher and Hunie Richardson.

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: Ewa Maria Beurskens, John Lee, Noah, Margaret Tait, Ron Vickers, Cynthia Myers, Mary Hayes, Bob West, Glynis Rogers, Heide, Phil Richards, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, 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, Mary Hayes, Hanna King, Janet Kipping, Margaret Lysons, José Perry, Lona Pope, Bill Shinn, Mark Vincent, Ron & Bertha Walters.

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

We also pray for: Pam Barber, Margaret Beddard, Mary Brenchley, Bridget, Brigitte, Helen, Brian Jones, Michael Mansie, Angela McNally, Monika.

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

We pray for those suffering addiction of any kind.

We remember before you O God, those who have died: Vicky Lowe, Peter Stevens, Gordon Collier, Suren Gupta, Kathleen Arrowsmith, Christopher Beal, Joan MacArthur, Joan Burton.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

This week includes the international day of prayer for peace, and today is 'Peace Sunday'. The Fellowship of Reconciliation whose motto is 'Non-violence in Action', offers this prayer for today; Give us courage to love our enemies, and to love all others as you have loved us. Help us to be more like Jesus, who is the friend of the poor, who calls us to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable who is the Prince of Peace'

Psalm 1

Keith Duke



For the Lord knows the way, — the way of the right-eous.

Choir: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Choir: Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Choir: Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Choir: Therefore the wicked shall not be able
to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

All: For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

Evensong Chants

Psalm 119:137-144

J Soaper



Psalm 119: 147-152 & Gloria

E Higgins



Magnificat

C Hubert H Parry



Nunc Dimittis

T Kelway



Future Events

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



Notices

Harvest Festival Flowers We would be very grateful to receive donations so that we can decorate the church for our Harvest Festival. There are donation boxes on the pews nearest the doors and also plates at the back of church. If anybody would like to do a window sill arrangement, or help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you. *With grateful thanks, Margaret*

Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust – “Bike ‘n’ Hike” – Many thanks to those who kept St Mary’s open on 8th September and also those who took part. Early indications suggest over £400 was raised by St Mary’s. The proceeds are divided equally between the participating church and the Trust. Thank you. *Trevor Groom*

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

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.

Forthcoming Services

The Prayer Group meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 10am in church.

Tuesday 25 th September	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th September	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th September <i>Harvest Festival</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Service of the Word Festival Choral Communion (BCP) Festal Evensong
Tuesday 2 nd October	10am	Mothers’ Union Corporate Communion
Wednesday 3 rd October	1:30pm	Holy Communion at Elmside
Thursday 4 th October	12:15pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Sunday 7 th October <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Evensong



Sunday 30th September 2018

St Mary's HARVEST FESTIVAL

A time for thanksgiving

and generous giving for others:

SUPPLIES for our local Foodbank

CASH for Bishop Alan's Harvest Appeal



OUR FOODBANK, helping thousands of local people in crisis every year, would love to have gifts of the following items (all *long-dated* and *longlife* please):

- * milk, juice and squash
- * potatoes, tinned or dried
- * pasta, pasta sauce, noodles for one
- * tinned vegetables, meat, fish
- * sponge puddings, custard
- * tinned rice and fruit
- * sugar in 500g packs; biscuits
- * toilet rolls, deodorant

OUR BISHOP OF ST ALBANS, in his **Harvest Appeal 2018** is asking all churches and church schools to support a project in desperately poor Malawi helping small farmers to cultivate a new variety of nutritious and drought-resistant Pigeon Peas. ***“Give peas a chance,”*** he says. There will be collection bowls at our Harvest services for us to do just that. More information at the back of church.

And then there's our ANNUAL AQUAID LUNCH, on Sunday 14th October in Church House, always a happy gathering. As you know, Aquaid take excellent care of our Philip Veale Children's Centre, also in Malawi like the Peas Project. We'll be issuing **FREE LUNCH TICKETS** shortly, but would like you to sign up for them now at the back of church – or contact Rachel, Lois or Robin.



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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- 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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The e-bulletin If you wish to be included in the email distribution of this bulletin, please send an email as above. Tracy Watson