



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Remembrance Sunday

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***

**Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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

### **10am – A Service to mark the Centenary of the end of the Great War**

Officiant & Preacher:	Canon Michael Roden
Processional Hymn:	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation – Lobe den Herren
Lesson Reading:	Matthew 5:1-12 <i>read by Trevor Groom</i>
Benslow Bassoon	
Extravaganza:	A little prayer - Eden
Offertory Hymn:	Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided – Lord of the years
Anthem:	A Thanksgiving - Gray
Hymn during the Act of Remembrance:	O God, our help in ages past – St Anne

## 2:30pm – Royal British Legion Remembrance Service

Officiant:	Canon Michael Roden
Processional Hymn:	All people that on earth do dwell – Old 100th
Lesson Reading:	John 15:9-17
Hymn:	All my hope on God is founded - Michael
Anthems:	Give rest, O Christ – Kontakion A Thanksgiving - Gray
Hymn:	Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son - Maccabeus The National Anthem
Hymn during the Act of Remembrance:	O God, our help in ages past – St Anne

### Forthcoming Services

The Prayer Group will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays in November and December at 10am in church. *See notice page 7*

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November <i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i>	8am 9:35am 11:15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Third Sunday – Family Service Evening Prayer
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Christ the King</i>	8am 9:35am 11:15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong for Canon Michael Roden's final service in the Parish

### Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> November

Morning Services: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25, 19-25; Mark 13:1-18

Evening Service: Psalm 95; Daniel 3; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



## Prayers for people

**We pray for all who are ill, and by name for:** Susan Moriarty, Cherry Thurston, George Rainbow, Christopher Smith, Sarah, Jack Suslak, David Ockenden, Sophie, Russell Wiseman, Ewa Maria Beurskens, Noah, Margaret Tait, Ron Vickers, Cynthia Myers, Bob West, Glynis Rogers, Heide, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Sarah & Chris Parkinson, Lewis, 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, John Lee, 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:** Phil Richards, Michael Dean, Adrian Hinksman, Vicky Low, Peter Stevens.

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

# Michael Roden & The Monsters

## Hitchin Farewell Gig at Club 85

**18<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**

A celebration of Michael's 16 years of parish ministry in Hitchin and the continuation of 42 years of wild rock and roll!!!

The evening will also feature **Paul Woodin** and friends.

All profits from this very special event will go to **Aquaid**

Tickets priced **£10** are available from the following outlets:

- Hitchin Town Centre Initiative
- Farleys
- Jolly Brown
- Gatefold
- Bar 85
- David's Music (Letchworth)
- Unikorn (Stevenage)

Online tickets are available from:

[www.wegotickets.com/event/455068](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/455068)

Further details at:

[www.club-85.co.uk/moreinfo.php?eid=3650](http://www.club-85.co.uk/moreinfo.php?eid=3650)



## Future Events

14<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm **North Herts Interfaith Forum AGM** will be held at St Mark's. The guest speaker, former Interfaith Advisor to the Bishop of Leicester, is Revd Dr Canon Andrew Wingate. He has travelled widely and visited Sweden in recent times. He will speak on 'Voices in Exile' from Sweden, India and UK. All welcome. Doors open at 7.15pm with refreshments.

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm **Wives' Group Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper** in Church House. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery. Tickets £7 from Sonia Ayres ☎456414 as soon as possible. Everyone from St Mary's very welcome.

17<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm **North Herts Guild of Singers with Chameleon Arts Orchestra Concert** in Church. Programme includes Faure: Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine, Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem. Tickets £14/£8 from Hitchin Initiative and David's Bookshop, Letchworth or online [www.nhgs.org.uk](http://www.nhgs.org.uk) The concert is financially supported by the Arts Council for North Hertfordshire.

18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm **Michael Roden & The Monsters Hitchin Farewell Gig** (see notice on page 4)

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 8pm **Churches Together in Hitchin Council and AGM** in St Marks Church. Tea/Coffee from 7:30pm. All welcome. More information from John Richardson - ☎07505 426876 or [johnrichardson891@btinternet.com](mailto:johnrichardson891@btinternet.com)

24<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm **Hitchin Symphony Orchestra Concert** in Church. "A Mystery Symphony, Croysdill War & Time, Richard Strauss Horn Concerto No 2 Soloist: Ben Goldscheider". Advance tickets (until 21st Nov) £12/£10 (concessions) /Under 16s free from Hitchin Town Centre Initiative or ☎458614 or £14/£12 after 21st Nov.

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec **Nativity Crib Festival** at St Ippolyts Church. St Ippolyt's Church will be filled with nativity crib sets from all around the world, each with its own "story". This year you could become part of a "Living Crib". Use our dressing up clothes to create your own nativity scene, take a photo and create your own unique Christmas cards. Entry £2.50 children free. For more information contact Barbara [Barbara.thomas@live.co.uk](mailto:Barbara.thomas@live.co.uk) ☎ 421647

2nd Dec 2.30pm **Healing and Wholeness Service** at Our Lady's. For more information contact Mary Hollingdale [memholl@aol.com](mailto:memholl@aol.com)

8th Dec 1.05pm **St Mary's Choir Concert** in Church. St Mary's Choir will be giving a 45 mins free Lunchtime Christmas Concert. Do take a break from the retail therapy and come along to hear some favourite carols and Christmas music - stay for the whole concert or just pop in for a few minutes.

8th Dec 7.30pm **Hertfordshire Concert Band Big Band Night** in church. Popular Big Band hits compered by Hilary Oakley, a member of the band. Tickets £10 each available from [www.wegotickets.com/event/452292](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/452292) or Hitchin Town Centre Initiative



## Notices

**After sixteen happy and ground breaking years of ministry as Team Rector** here, Michael Roden is leaving us for a new challenge at Bristol Cathedral. We warmly invite you to his farewell service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a chance to say thank you, over refreshments after the service. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift to him, please pass this to one of the Church Wardens. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Autumn Fair Financial Result** This year's event raised a total of £1563 for St Mary's funds, slightly higher than the Fairs in March and last October. The details for each stall follow, but special mention must be made for the Tower Visits which raised an exceptional amount. Books £115; Bric-a-brac £98; Cakes £88; Crafts/Quilt £132; Jewellery £44; Pottery £195; Preserves £26; Raffle £117; Refreshments £197; St Mary's Bags £38; Tower visits £505; Toys £9. Colin & Lesley Davies

**Keeping St Mary's in good order.** A small group of church members carry out minor repairs and check up on maintenance work by contractors. They would welcome others to join them. One job that needs doing is to repair and varnish some of the gate notice boards. If interested speak to one of the Wardens or to Tony Read 📞450494 to find out more.

**Christchurch Family Worker:** Christchurch is looking to appoint a Family Worker who will join the church team in providing vision, energy and passion for work among young children and families in Hitchin. The post is part-time, 20 hours a week. If you are interested or would like to know more, contact Tom Lewis on 📞 07859 228543. Deadline for applications - 19<sup>th</sup> November.

# St Mary's 2002-2018

Things change fast in this century, and, amid the hustle and bustle to catch up with ourselves, a Churchwarden has been heard to say *"You know, sometimes we forget just how good we are, just how much we've done."* As Michael Roden's time with us draws to a close, here's one person's list of good things initiated in these years at St Mary's.

## Team

So fortunate to have our Associate Priests Fizz and Hilary, and our Curate Dan.

## Within the church

The candle stand and prayer board much used by visitors; sumptuous pew cushions appreciated by all; the subtle new sound system.

## Maintenance and upgrade

Huge projects completed: repainting the interior; renovating the organ; extending our ring of bells from 8 to 13; the south wall, roof, alarm system . . .

## Children

New provisions: Story Teller, Third Sunday and Training Choir; Choristers now include girls with boys; spectacular attendances at Crib Service.

## "Open all hours"

Not quite all hours of course! Extending Weekday Welcomers team to be there for our hundreds of visitors each week.

## Networks

We've joined two networks of churches like ourselves: Inclusive Church focussed on proclaiming and practicing welcome to all; HeartEdge sharing ways of doing and being church, both in our building and embedded in our town.

## Outward looking

We've adopted The Philip Veale Children's Centre in Malawi, fully caring for 150 orphans there, raising some £180,000 in 10 years.

## Sister churches

The Hub Church; St Paul's Walden with Preston now part of our United Benefice (a small step towards Minster status?).

Christmas Cards have proclaimed Michael's essential message to the town: we are all God's children; here for you; open door; holding a diverse community together.

Through all life's changes, we've paid our way; maintained services; remained firm in faith and caring with one another. We're set to survive. And to thrive.



# 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
- Parish Office ☎ 452758 email: [hitchinparishoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:hitchinparishoffice@btinternet.com)
- Team Rector's Secretary - Dorothy Grieves ☎ 432951
- Churchwardens – Warwick Wigger ☎674172, Anne Senechal ☎641745, Elizabeth Cranfield ☎423948
- Director of Music – Alan Childs ☎ 01582 883420  
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- Home Communion Requests: Pauline Sadler ☎ 434350
- St Mary's Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchHitchin](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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