



# St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 The Second Sunday before Advent

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. At this afternoon's service we welcome in baptism Edward O'Neill, Henry Ward and Jacob Van Wyk.

### ***The Collect***

**Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he 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**

President: Canon Michael Roden

Preacher: The Revd Dan Drew

Setting: Rutter

Processional Hymn: **356** All nations of the world – Darwall's 148th

Lesson Readings: Daniel 12:1-3 *read by Belinda Copson*

Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25 *read by Sarah Free*

Gradual: Psalm 16 (see page 4)

Gospel: Mark 13:1-18 *read by Dan Drew*

Prayers are led by: Amanda & Nick Evans-Pughe

Offertory Hymn: **608** Christ is our cornerstone - Harewood  
 Anthem: Lord that descendedst – Gritton (words page 5)  
 Communion Hymn: **454** Love is his word, love is his way - Cresswell  
 Final Hymn: **493** Hope of our calling: hope through courage  
 won - Woodlands

### 11:15am – Third Sunday

Led by: The Revd Dan Drew

### 3:30pm – Baptisms

### 6:30pm – Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher Belinda Copson  
 Responses: Said  
 Psalm: 95  
 Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 3:13-30 *read by Barry Arends*  
 Canticles: Said  
 New Testament Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### Forthcoming Services

The Prayer Group will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays in November and December at 10am in church.

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
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	12:15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December <i>Advent Sunday</i>	8am 9:35am 11:15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Service Advent Carol Service

#### Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> November

Morning Services: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

Evening Service: Psalm 72:1-7; Daniel 5; John 6:1-15.



## Prayers for people

**We pray for all those who are to be baptised, including:** Edward O'Neill, Henry Ward and Jacob Van Wyk.

**We pray for all who are ill, and by name for:** Ron & Bertha Walters, Susan Moriarty, Cherry Thurstan, George Rainbow, Christopher Smith, Sarah, Jack Suslak, Sophie, Ewa Maria Beurskens, Noah, Margaret Tait, Ron Vickers, 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,.  
**...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:** Cynthia Myers, Russell Wiseman, David Ockendon, Phil Richards, Michael Dean, Adrian Hinksman, Vicky Low, Peter Stevens.  
**...and we pray for those who mourn.**

## Prayers for the World Church

Following Remembrance Sunday, it is appropriate to pray for refugees and victims of war today...

Heavenly Father, as your church worldwide is reaching out arms in welcome and hands in support where migrants are gathered, we pray that the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored. Let there be peace through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.



# Sung Communion Anthem

**Lord that descendest, Holy Child** - Eric Gritton (1889-1991)

Lord that descendest, Holy Child,  
Dwelling amongst us, Word of God,  
*Thee we adore.*

Jesus our Gospel, Way and Truth,  
Master and Lover, Light and Life,  
*Thee we adore.*

Saviour, uplifted, Man for men,  
Shamed and slaughtered Lamb of God,  
*Thee we adore.*

Christ the immortal Risen Lord,  
Christ that ascended, King of kings,  
*Thee we adore.*

Throned in the highest, Very Man,  
Alpha, Omega, God of Gods,  
*Thee we adore.*

Lord ever blessed, God most high,  
Lord ever blessed, God with us,  
*Thee we adore.*

*Words: Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)*



## Future Events

**TODAY!** 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm **Michael Roden & The Monsters Hitchin Farewell Gig** at Club 85. 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 **Aquaid** Tickets priced **£10**

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

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 21<sup>st</sup> Nov) £12/£10 (concessions) /Under 16s free from Hitchin Town Centre Initiative or ☎458614 or £14/£12 after 21<sup>st</sup> 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 ☎ 421647

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2.30pm **Healing and Wholeness Service** at Our Lady's. For more information contact Mary Hollingdale memholl@aol.com

8<sup>th</sup> 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.

8<sup>th</sup> 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

8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Dec 12noon-6pm **Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival 2018** at Holy Saviour - admission £4, accompanied children free. Come and see the display of beautifully decorated trees, with seasonal music from local musicians and choirs. Excellent home cooked lunches and teas available.  
On the Saturday morning, 10.30am-11.30am, the festival will be open for disabled visitors and their carers who may prefer a quieter time to visit.  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm-9pm - the weekend begins with the **Festival Preview Evening and Concert** (7.45pm) by Holy Saviour Church Choir, the Radcliffe Singers and Buccinate Brass Ensemble all directed by Trevor Hughes. Pam Rhodes will compere the concert. Mulled wine and light refreshments included! Tickets £12, available from ☎712212: toryevans@greatgreen.plus.uk Further info: ctf@holysaviourhitchin.org.uk and [www.facebook.com/HitchinChristmasTreeFestival/](http://www.facebook.com/HitchinChristmasTreeFestival/)

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30pm & 4:15pm **Hitchin Chamber Orchestra "Christmas Family Concert"** in Church. Featuring the Choirs of The Priory School. Seasonal refreshments will be served between the two concerts.



# Notices

**The pulpit flowers** are given by Lois for the glory of God, in loving memory of Philip, with grateful thanks for the children and staff at the Philip Veale Centre Malawi and for the generous loving support of St. Mary's.

**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!

**Foodbank:** Due to the magnificent response during Harvest Festival, the Foodbank no longer has any immediate shortages. In the 5 weeks leading up to Christmas, the Foodbank will be providing Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis. They would be grateful for tinned ham; Christmas puddings; Christmas cakes; boxes of biscuits; Children's Selection Boxes; boxes of chocolates; large bars of chocolate (150/200g); snacks and nibbles; Christmas crackers. There is a collection point in church and also at Sainsbury's and Waitrose. *Thank you for your continuing support.*

**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.



## 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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- *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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