



St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



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Sunday 13th January 2019 The Baptism of Christ

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

**Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.**

8.00am – Holy Communion

President: The Revd Melanie Crowley

9:35am – Sung Communion

President: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Preacher: Pastor Monica Stuart
Organist: Rose Norris
Setting: Appleford
Processional Hymn: **46** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry –
Winchester New
Seekers' Song: **639** Give thanks with a grateful heart
Lesson Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7 *read by Helen Gimson*
Acts 8:14-17 *read by William Morgan-Males*
Gradual: Psalm 29 (see page 4)
Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *read by The Revd Fizz Gibbs*
Prayers are led by: Wendy Hazelwood
Offertory Hymn: **104** Songs of thankfulness and praise – St Edmund

Anthem: Come down, O love divine – Harris (words Hymn 238)
Communion Hymn: **109** When Jesus comes to be baptised - Herongate
Final Hymn: **646** God is working his purpose out - Benson

11:15am – Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Organist: Rose Norris
Introit: **46** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry – Winchester New
Offertory Hymn: **109** When Jesus comes to be baptised - Herongate
Final Hymn: **104 (omit v4)** Songs of thankfulness and praise – St Edmund

6:30pm – Evening Prayer with hymns

Officiant & Preacher: Belinda Copson
Organist: Rose Norris
Processional Hymn: **108** When Jesus came to Jordan - Offertorium
Responses: Said
Psalms: 46, 47
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11 *read by the Officiant*
Office Hymn: **358** Be still for the presence of the Lord – Be Still
Canticles: Said
New Testament Lesson: Romans 6:1-11
Offertory Hymn: **819** To the name of our salvation - Oriel



Prayers for people

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: Elaine West, Liam Matthews, Alan Ayres, Jen Lynch, Christine Cadney, Ron & Bertha Walters, Susan Moriarty, Cherry Thurstan, George Rainbow, Christopher Smith, Sarah, Jack Suslak, Sophie, Ewa Maria Beurskens, Noah, Ron Vickers, Bob West, Glynis Rogers, Dorothy Chamberlain, Hayley Robinson, Sarah & Chris Parkinson, 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, Bridget, Brigitte, Heide, Helen, Brian Jones, Michael Mansie, Angela McNally.

...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: Ann King, Dendle French, Jean White, Father Michael Lambert.

...and we pray for those who mourn.

Prayers for the World Church

18 months ago there were celebrations in Johannesburg, South Africa, when the 25th anniversary of women's ordination in the Anglican Province of S.A. was marked. Many of the women who celebrated had been silenced in the past. They now have joyful memories of those who supported them (like USPG) and their lives changed. Let us pray for the church in Southern Africa and for women priests serving the church there now.

Psalm 29

Colin Mawby



May the Lord bless his peo - ple, bless his peo-ple with peace.

Choir: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

Choir: Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

Choir: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

Choir: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

Choir: The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

Choir: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry "Glory"!

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*

Choir: The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
The Lord sits enthroned as a king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

All: *May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.*



Future Events

18th - 25th Jan **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be marked with pulpit exchanges on Sundays 13th & 20th Jan, and prayers in different churches on each day of the week:

Friday 18th 6pm – Redeemed Christian Church of God (at the Town Hall)

Saturday 19th 9.30pm - with Hitchin Street Angels (at Walsworth Rd Baptist Church);

Sunday 20th 6.30pm – Christchurch - **CTH United Service** including the induction of Revd Donald Smith as Chair of Churches Together in Hitchin

Mon 21st 7.30pm - Zeo Church (at Zeo Centre); Tues 22nd 7.15pm - Our Lady's Church; Wed 23rd 9.15am – St Mark's Church; Thurs 24th 11am- Tilehouse St Baptist Church; Friday 25th 9.30am - Walsworth Road Baptist Church

All welcome. If you would like to follow the theme of the Week go to the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-resources. John Richardson ☎07505 426876.

22nd Jan 11am **Defibrillator Training** in Church. This is open to all. Those who have previously done the training will also need to update it as it should be completed annually. Please could you sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can make it or phone me on 420665. Maggie Hackney who runs the sessions says the more the merrier. Many thanks. Derry

26th Jan 7:30pm **Charity Choral Concert** in Church in aid of the Neonatal unit at the Lister. Musicians from the area will perform Vivaldi's Gloria and Faure's Requiem. Tickets £10/£5 from Hitchin Initiative or David's Bookshop or online at www.listerneonatalunitfamiliesgroup.org

27th Jan 3pm **"Talk & Tea"** at Holy Saviour Church. **"Unlocking the Church: The lost secrets of the Victorian sacred space."** An illustrated talk by William Whyte, Professor of Social & Architectural History, University of Oxford. The Victorians built thousands of Churches – including Holy Saviour – and restored still more. Professor Whyte's talk will explain how and why the 19th Century changed the way churches look and sound, and what they were meant to do – changes which still shape our experience of the church today. Tickets £10 (Friends £8) are available from ☎646257 & Hitchin Initiative (and includes teatime refreshments)

2nd Feb from 6.15pm **Nosferatu** and **A Trip To The Moon**. Continuing our series of popular Silent Films, with live organ accompaniment composed and performed by Donald Mackenzie. Street Foods by Cantina Carnitas and Wine from 6.15pm, Film starts 7.30pm. Tickets £12 for Adults, or £6 for under-18s. Tickets from Hitchin Initiative, David's Bookshop and online from www.wegotickets.com/event/459271; also direct from Anne Senechal, Rachel Bagenal or Robin Sternberg.

9th Feb 2019 10am-4pm **Quiet Day “Light in our Darkness – The Way of St Benedict”** led by Rev Terrance Bell of Offley at The Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City. Cost £10 pp, including tea and coffee. Please bring a packed lunch. Do sign the list at the back of Church if you wish to attend.

9th Feb 2:30pm & 4:30pm **St Mary's Children's Orchestral Concerts** with Live Drawing and Jazz music. Tickets from Hitchin Initiative and online at www.wegotickets.com/Event/459396



Notices

A big thank you to my team of flower arrangers for their splendid flower arrangements at Christmas!

On a personal note I would like to say how overwhelmed I have felt in receiving so very many wonderful compliments on the Christmas trees and decorations I put together this year! *Thank you so much! Margaret*

Please note the **date of the next Pastoral Committee meeting** has been changed from 22nd January to 29th January, hosted by Pauline. *Revd Fizz Gibbs*

I'm off to Malawi on the 5th February for 8 days to visit **The Philip Veale Children's Centre**, to check up on the progress of our children and meet the new recently appointed head teacher.

I've been asked to take football boots, footballs, underwear, calculators and polo shirts quite an unusual shopping list!

If you can help me with any of these items or you can think of anything else the children might like, I'd be really grateful. Please let me have any gifts by Sunday 3rd February at the latest. I'll let you know how I've got on when I return! Thank you so much for your continuing love, prayers and support of these Children whose lives we are enriching and changing.

Lois Veale 01462 436426 loisveale@hotmail.com

Christingle This year we are celebrating 50 years of Christingle Services to help raise money for the work of The Childrens Society with vulnerable, unloved and scared children.

Our service will be in the 9.35 communion service on Sunday 27th January.

Please come and support us in this vital work. There will be collecting envelopes at the doors as you leave this morning and also next week.

Please take one and bring it back either next week or on the 27th.

Thank you very much for all your help. *Pauline and Christine.*

From The Churchwardens All the Christmas Services at St Mary's ran smoothly, with at least 2,000 people attending between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Great thanks are due to all involved in the preparations and running of these lovely services, which also welcome many in our community who do not come to Church for the rest of the year. All who volunteered to help with Stewarding, Flower arranging, moving chairs, the Choir for singing so beautifully, musicians, Servers, Readers, Clergy and not least our new Verger, Dawn who rose to the challenge of diving in at the deep end! Happy New Year to All

A Message from the Giving Committee: We have recently introduced equipment to enable those attending services and also our many visitors, to donate to St Mary's by credit or debit card. Should you wish to make use of this facility, please speak to a Warden or the Verger. We hope to extend it to purchases of St Mary's merchandise in the New Year. *Lesley Davies*

Forthcoming Services

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

Tuesday 15 th January	10am	Holy Communion Celebrant: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Thursday 17 th January	12:15pm	Holy Communion Celebrant: The Revd Dan Drew
Sunday 20 th January <i>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8am 9:35am 11:15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sung Communion - Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford Third Sunday Evening Prayer
Tuesday 22 nd January	10am	Holy Communion Celebrant: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Thursday 24 th January	12:15pm	Holy Communion Celebrant: The Revd Dan Drew
Sunday 27 th January <i>The Presentation of Christ</i> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>	8am 9:35am 11:15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion with Christingle Mattins Evensong

Readings for 20th January

Morning Services: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2. 1-11

Evening Service: Psalm 96; 1 Samuel 3: 1-20; Ephesians 4:1-16



St Mary's Contacts

- Team Rector and Vicar – Vacant
- Part-time Curate – The Revd Dan Drew ☎ 07738 553264
- Other Clergy: The Revd Fizz Gibbs, The Revd Hilary Oakley
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- Verger – Dawn Cope dawnjoycope@gmail.com Dawn's days off are Wednesday & Thursday. For access on these days and outside normal hours please contact a Churchwarden.
- Home Communion Requests: Pauline Sadler ☎ 434350
- St Mary's Facebook Page:
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