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St Mary's Church Old Town
St Paul's Church Highfield

Partners within the
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8th October - Harvest Festival

We bring the spare we do not really need
(for surely God will honour all we bring
although it cannot make up for our greed).
And place into Christ's hands our offering:
"Turn water into wine again," we say,
"and multiply my token loaves and fish
to feed another hungry crowd today."

Our gifts, we know, will put some flesh
on words of charity. Then into those
twelve empty baskets, let us place the gifts in us
that need to be increased and shared
with greater generosity than we may be prepared
to offer on our own account.

For we are God's most rich and splendid bounty,
sown as seeds and scattered by the Lord
in every place.
the human race:
the crowning glory
of the ever-evolving creation story.

We thank God that he does not only separate the wheat from tare,
but takes our very best then turns us into far more than we are.

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The Ten Commandments retain a place in Christian teaching, but they began with old Israelite circumstances in mind — and Jesus gave a new slant to ethics with his emphasis on the love. The parable in Matthew tells of the long and varied flaws and failures of Israel as God's people. No wonder God has made a new start. So we praise God for his constancy, asking that we may resist all complacency in our relationship with God. Pray too that our hearts may rejoice in God's guidance to us all.



Worship at St Mary's

Welcome to St Mary's. We hope newcomers will soon feel at home. If you have children with you, please feel free to stay with them in the Children's Corner. No collection is taken during the service: there is a plate for offerings near the entrance door. Tax-payers, please use one of the gift-aid envelopes. Tea, coffee & squash is available in the hall after the service.

Communion Service Visitors or newcomers who are used to receiving communion in a church of another denomination are welcome to do so here. There is non-alcoholic wine and gluten free wafers available. At the Sung Eucharist every week, we offer a ministry of prayer for anyone who has particular needs or concerns. Please feel free to come to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit after you have received communion. If you need more information, please speak to one of the clergy or Welcome Team.

Today

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Readers: David Gambling
Jeff Wallis, Alan Younger
Intercessions: Ena Hartland
Hymns: 76, 148, 520, 368

Next Sunday 15th October

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Readers: Su Gambling
Jenny Bowes, Andrew Darby
Intercessions: Brian Doran

The candles on the High Altar are lit in loving memory of Anthony Richardson

Worship at St Paul's

Welcome to St Paul's Church as we come to worship and celebrate God's love for everyone! There will be a collection taken during the service - cards are available for those who give by standing order or of their gifts and talents. After our service, please come to our parish room for tea, coffee, squash and of course biscuits, this is a great opportunity for us all to enjoy each other's company further.

Today

9.30am Family Harvest
Communion service

Reader: Yemi Wilde
Intercessions: Edna Hawkes
Hymns: 6, 133, 392, 719

Next Sunday 15th October

9.30am Holy Communion

Reader: Julie Pollard
Intercessions: Fergus Maclean

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: St Albans: Alan Smith; Suff - Bedford: Richard Atkinson; Suff - Hertford: Michael Beasley

Our Diocese: Sharnbrook, Melchbourne: Stephen Holroyd. Thanksgiving: For an effective stewardship campaign. Prayers: For consultation on an improved structure for the parishes working together.

The Deanery: Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Prayer Calendar

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) - Christian volunteers supporting and advising families about debt and related issues.

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Melissa Bushill, Karen Coker, Peter Elphick and all those known to us.

Those with long term illness and all who care for them:

Sister Antoinette, Debbie Barnes, Lilian Dwight, Rachel Halsey, Clive Hunt, Brian Laidlaw, Nancy Parry, Frank Pitkin, Jeane Pitkin, Olivia Rose, David Shaw, Pauline White, Vera Willmore.

Those who have died:

Paul Underhill

Intincture As we enter the season of colds and 'flu would those who prefer to dip the wafer into the wine at Communion please ensure their fingers do not come into contact with the wine or chalice. More info from the Clergy.

Parish bible study group The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st November at 3.00pm.

Thanksgiving for Marriage There will be a service of Thanksgiving for Marriage for Gordon and Rosina at St Paul's next Sunday 15th Oct at 11.00am followed by bubbly, juice and cake in the Parish Room. All are invited.

Christmas Fair Traditionally known as the 'Bazaar' and re-launched as the 'Fair' this will be at St Paul's on Saturday 25 November, 10am to 12.30. Especially we need volunteers to man stalls and generally help out on the day and beforehand setting up. We also need donations for the Parish Hamper, and the following stalls: Wine and Chocolate Tombola, Grand Draw, cakes, marmalades and pickles, home made sweets and toiletries. A full list of requirements will be circulated. Please contact Rosina asap if you can offer to help, including the sale of the Grand Draw tickets, which will be available shortly.

Visit from Bishop Michael

First steps in making new disciples. Jesus commissioned those who follow him to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Yet for many of us we wonder how to follow Jesus' words. How can we make disciples in ways which are practical, authentic and respectful of those we encounter? On 31st October, Bishop Michael will be joining members of churches in Hemel Hempstead to think about this more. Everyone is warmly invited to an evening of teaching, discussion, conversation and the sharing of experiences. The evening will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Bedmond Rd, Leverstock Green, HP3 8LJ, starting at 7.30pm and refreshments will be provided.

Stewardship campaign results Many thanks to all the people who have responded to this year's stewardship campaign, and especially so those who have increased their giving. This has resulted in a small net increase of £378. I would also like to thank everybody who made one-off pledges, mainly for specific items. For those of you who perhaps have put the forms to one side, and forgotten them, it doesn't matter, you can change your giving at any time, just let me know, you don't need a form! Brian Crawley Stewardship Secretary

Dates for your Diary

Sun October 15 St Albans Warners End 3.30pm Celebration of Diamond Jubilee

Wed October 18th Confirmation Service, St Paul's 7.30pm

Sat October 28th PCC Awayday.10.00am at the Social Centre for the Blind, Boxmoor (coffee from 9.30am)

Sun 29th October - High St Halloween - see separate notice.

Tue October 31st Visit from Bishop Michael 7.30pm Holy Trinity

Sun November 19th 3.00pm Rennie Grove Hospice Service, St Mary's

Sat Nov 25 10.00am -12.30pm Parish Christmas Fair at St Paul's

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Preceding Thursday lunchtime

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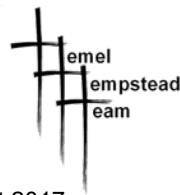
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Payments: Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC"



The Parish of St Mary and St Paul

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Services and Events at St Mary's for Week commencing 8 Oct 2017

Sunday 8 Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion
Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity		
Monday 9 Oct		
Tuesday 10 Oct	7.00-8.00pm	Wedding Office
<i>Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644</i>		
Wednesday 11 Oct	9.00am 10.30am	George Street Primary School Harvest service Holy Communion <i>(entry to church by the South Transept door)</i>
<i>Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066</i>		
Thursday 12 Oct	8.00pm	Bellringing Practice
<i>Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709</i>		
Friday 13 Oct	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 14 Oct	10.00am-12.noon	Open Church
Sunday 15 Oct	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity		

Evening Prayer is said most weekdays at 5.15pm