

12th August 2018 - Eleventh Sunday After Trinity



Welcome to our services today: Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am service - these are in the church hall at St Mary's and in the Parish Room at St Paul's. If this is your first visit to us then please make yourself known to one of the Clergy or a Welcomer.

Communion: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not usually receive the Bread and Wine please come forward and bow your head for a prayer of blessing.

Receiving Communion in your seat If you might find it hard to climb the steps at the front of church (St Mary's) or to approach the altar rail (St Paul's) then please mention this to a Welcomer who can arrange for Communion to be brought to your seat.

Gluten Free Wafers & Alcohol Free Wine are available if requested before the start of the service. Please speak to a Welcomer, Churchwarden or the Virger. (See Communion in One Kind, below, if you don't request this in time).

Communion in One Kind Please remember - if you haven't requested Gluten Free or Alcohol Free Communion or you have a cold and decide not to receive from the Common Cup - that receiving in only one kind (just bread or wine) is a complete and valid Communion. (As the Councils of the Church have said: 'Christ is really present and is received whole and entire, body and blood, soul and divinity, under either species alone.')

Intinction of the host (dipping the bread) is discouraged.

Giving: Please join our stewardship scheme, and either give via standing order or by the special envelopes provided. If you are a UK tax payer please also complete a GiftAid form so we can claim a refund from the Government. Please ask a Welcomer for an information pack. If you are a part of the Planned Giving Scheme paying by standing order, please remember to collect a mini-card before the Service to place in the collection.

PRAYERS

If you would like a prayer said with you after the service - or at any other time - please speak to one of the Clergy. (At St Mary's prayers are available in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, to the left of the altar, once you have received Communion).

Readers & Intercessors

Today	Readers	Intercessor
St Mary's	Stephen Crawley Brian Doran Ena Hartland	Richard Leslie
St Paul's	Michael Robinson	Fergus Maclean
Hymns	St Mary's 363, 227, 72, 268	St Paul's 12, 643, 437, 408

Next Week	Readers	Intercessor
St Mary's	David Gambling Yvonne Doran Emmeline Lambert	Brian Doran
St Paul's	Martha Cabey	Gordon Gaddes

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia; Ng Moon Hing, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia.

Prayers for General Synod

Pray for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York as they preside over Synod " Pray for those elected from this Diocese to be on General Synod " Pray for wisdom and guidance as the Synod moves the debate on regarding Human Sexuality and seeks new ways to encourage Church growth.

Our Diocese: Hitchin, Letchworth: Paul Bennett, (R) Jackie Halter Thanksgiving: For the success of fundraising for the work on the roof at St. Michael's and the new glass porch doors at St. Mary's. Prayers: For Fr. Paul and Debbie as they begin their retirement, and the Church Wardens & Parish during the interregnum.

Prayers for Hemel Hempstead Deanery Synod

Pray for the Church's involvement with children and young people; for each parish working towards our Deanery Wildly Important Goal - that more young people may encounter the depth of God's love for them.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Prayer Calendar

Our Fire and Rescue Service

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Esther, Karen Coker, Peter Elphick, Adrian Hinksman, Madi Marchand and all those known to us.

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

Sister Antoinette, Debbie Barnes, Rachel Halsey, Clive Hunt, Brian Laidlaw, Frank Pitkin, Jeane Pitkin, Olivia Rose, David Shaw, Vera Willmore.

Those who have died:

Luke, Thomas Carr, Colin Coles, David Dolt, Laurel Matthews, Nancy Parry

Annual Sponsored - 'Bike & Hike'

This will be on Saturday 8th September and is organised by the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. This is a non-denominational body formed to raise funds and make grants for the repair of churches and chapels of any age which are open for public Christian worship. Last year the initiative in our two counties raised £86,000 from 22 centres and £2.1 million has been raised since the start in 1992. We can participate by biking and hiking and being sponsored, by going by car to churches which are open to make a donation, by receiving visitors at opened churches especially the cyclists and hikers for their 'pitstops'. Also of course we all can participate in a key way, by sponsoring somebody who is cycling or walking.

St Mary's and St Paul's will be participating in this event again this year - sign up sheets for bikers and hikers and also for stewards will be available shortly.

Wedding Office There will be no Wedding Office in August. Couples should email the Team Office or Canon John for further information.

Tuesday 8am Service From September the 8am Tuesday service will be on every week! Why not come along if you get the chance, you might even get a coffee and croissant afterwards!

Rectory Parking & Security After the odd (often very odd!) intruder in the Rectory garden recently the gates at the top of the drive will be mostly closed during the summer. Do continue to use the parking spaces on the grass by the garages as usual but please leave the gates as you found them upon arrival. Many thanks.

Sausage Sponsorship Thanks to those who have sponsored the First Sunday catering so far. To help with some sponsorship to allow us to keep First Sunday refreshments FREE please talk to Penny or Canon John. Thank you.



St Mary's Patronal Festival 2018 will be held at 6.30pm on 9th September and is on the theme: '**Images of Mary**'.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, must be one of the most widely depicted people in art throughout the ages. Frescos, mosaics, statues, icons and paintings of her abound. Do you have or can you find a favourite to share with us on September 9th? Bring an original, a copy, photo or representation of Mary into church at that service or over the weekend (8-9th Sept) along with a slip of paper (available soon at the back of St Mary's or make your own) citing where the image comes from, why it speaks to you along with your name. A display of images will then remain in church for all to see until we set up for our All Hallows Eve celebrations in October.

More details from Canon John.

Diary Dates

- Sat 1 Sep, Midday, Langa Township Pre-School Trust Braai (Barbecue) at 91 Highfield Lane
- Sun 9 Sep, 6.30pm St Mary's Patronal
- Fri 28 Sep, 7.15 for 8pm 'Mississippi Swamp Dogs' at St Mary's - £15
- Sat 24 Nov 10.00am Parish Fair at St Paul's
- Sat 1 Dec 7.00 pm LTPT Christmas Party at St Paul's

Parish Diary for Week commencing-12th August

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
12 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion	StP
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	StM
	12.00noon	Holy Baptism: Seren Florence Long	StM
	5.00pm	Bellringers: Quarter Peal	St M
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Monday	7.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	StM
13 Aug		<i>Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667</i>	
Tuesday	4.00pm	Interment of Ashes - Doris Bond RIP	StM
14 Aug			
Wednesday	10.00am	Bell ringers demonstration and	StM
15 Aug	10.30am	interview with BBC 3 Counties Radio	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	StM
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Thursday	8.00pm	Bellringing Practice	StM
16 Aug		<i>Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921</i>	
Friday			
17 Aug			
Saturday	10.00am	Open Church	StM
18 Aug	2.30pm	Wedding: Thomas Bennett & Samantha Warwick	StM
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
19 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion	StP
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	StM
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Evening Prayer is said most weekdays at St Mary's at 5.15pm

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