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SAINT MARY & SAINT PAUL
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

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

Partners within the
Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry

15th October - 18th Sunday After Trinity



The parable in Matthew, put in brutal terms, is about the rejection of Christ by his own people and his acceptance by others, who should nevertheless not presume on their unmerited call. As we reflect, we should praise God for the joy of his open invitation to us, regardless of merit. We absorb the familiar Words and pray to know peace that is beyond our capacity to grasp. We remember that God gives this — but to take him for granted is to put love always in danger.

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: Su Gambling
Jenny Bowes, Andrew Darby
Intercessions: Brian Doran
Hymns: 379, 384, 66, 484

Next Sunday 22nd October

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Readers: Norman Quail
Ena Hartland, Emmeline Lambert
Intercessions: Richard Leslie

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 Holy Communion

Reader: Julie Pollard
Intercessions: Fergus Maclean
Hymns: 649, 463, 517, 379

Next Sunday 22nd October

9.30am Holy Communion

Reader: Tara Mwashita
Intercessions: Jane Lynskey

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Swaziland (Southern Africa): Ellinah Ntfombi Wamukoya.

Our Diocese: Sharnbrook Ravensden Thanksgiving: For the people of the local church and the community they serve.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Prayer Calendar

St Barnabas Church - Adeyfield

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.

Announcement – Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry We are pleased to announce that the Revd Rickey Simpson-Gray, Assistant Curate in the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry, has been appointed Associate Minister. Rickey will be licensed in this role by the Archdeacon of St Albans, the Ven Jonathan Smith, on Monday November 20th at 7.30pm at St Mary's. Please do come along to support Rickey and his family.

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 today at 11.00am followed by bubbly, juice and cake in the Parish Room. All are invited.

Confirmation The Bishop of Hertford will be confirming six candidates from our deanery, including our own Marie Evans, at St Paul's this Wednesday (18th October) at 7.30pm. Please keep Marie and the other candidates in your prayers and come along to support them and celebrate St Luke's Day on Wednesday, all welcome.

PCC Awayday The PCC are meeting to draw up the new Mission Action Plan for the parish on Saturday 28th October. Unlike previous years this is not a general quiet day open to all but a working day for PCC members. Please pray for this meeting.

Open Church for High St Halloween Sun 29th October - we do need more pumpkins - see the separate notice.

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 is available. Please contact Rosina asap if you can offer to help, including the sale of the Grand Draw tickets, which will be available shortly.

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.

100 Club The September winner was Val Beller (46) and October, Maureen Stacey (69)

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

Sun October 29 All Souls Celebration at St Paul's 3.00pm

Sun November 5th All Souls Celebration at St Mary's

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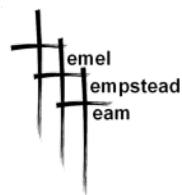
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Payments: Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC"



The Parish of St Mary and St Paul

A partner within the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry



Services and Events at St Mary's for Week commencing 15 Oct 2017

Sunday 15 Oct	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity		
Monday 16 Oct		
Tuesday 17 Oct	7.00-8.00pm	Wedding Office
<i>Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107</i>		
Wednesday 18 Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>(entry to church by the South Transept door)</i>
<i>Luke the Evangelist</i>		
Thursday 19 Oct	8.00pm	Bellringing Practice
<i>Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812</i>		
Friday 20 Oct	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 21 Oct	10.00am-12.noon	Open Church
Sunday 22 Oct	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity		

Evening Prayer is said most weekdays at 5.15pm



Parish Christmas Fair

at St Paul's Church, Sat 25th Nov 10.00am - 12.30pm

We are seeking donations of items to sell at the Fair. Here are the details of items that are needed.

Items that can be donated in advance:

- Toiletries
- Chocolate (any sort - boxes of, bars, choc coins etc)
- Bottles of wine
- Jam/Preserves
- Well made, good quality craft items or gifts

There will be a box at the back of church. Please, no books, bric-a-brac or anything else not on the list.

Items that can be brought to St Paul's on Friday or on the day:

- Cakes for cake stall (large cakes/fairy cakes/tray bakes)

If you can supply cake(s) please sign the list at the back of church so we have some idea of what to expect.

Items needed for the Raffle Hamper

- Christmas crackers,
- Shortbread
- Christmas pudding
- Nice cheeses
- Jar of stilton x 2
- Nuts
- Wine x 2
- Christmas cake
- Mince pies
- Liqueur chocs / mints
- Cranberry sauce
- Christmas cards
- Tinned ham
- Dates
- Chestnut purée

These items for the Raffle Hamper are being supplied by St Mary's congregation and there will be a hamper basket at the back of St Mary's church to collect them together with a check list to sign for action or intent.