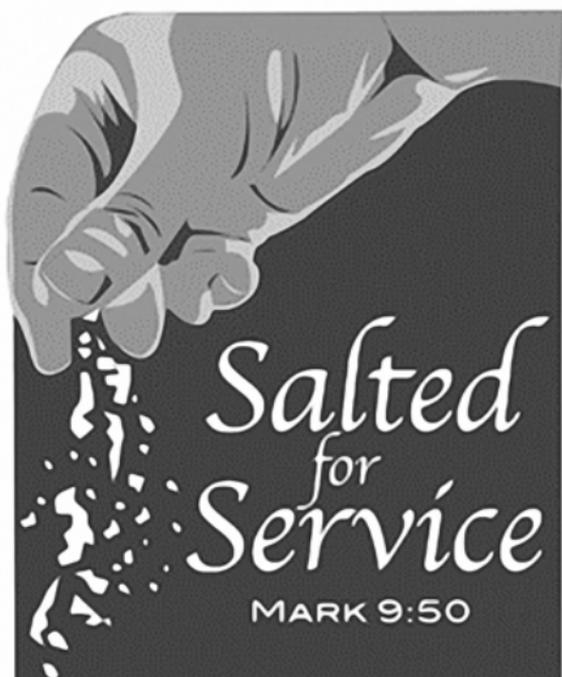


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30th September 2018
18th Sunday After Trinity

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL



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	Norman Quail Lynne Sygrave Andrew Darby	Norma Podmore
St Paul's	Pauline Picton	Revd Rickey
Hymns	St Mary's	St Paul's 105, 165, 161, 395

Next Week	Readers	Intercessor
St Mary's		
St Paul's	Andrew Williams	Malcolm Taylor

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda; Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala.

Our Diocese: Sharnbrook Colmworth Thanksgiving: For the people of the Parish and the Community they serve.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Prayer Calendar
St Mark's Church -meeting at JFK School Warners End (RC

Those who have asked for our prayers

Those with long term illness and all who care for them

Those who have died

Please see the notice opposite for details about the changes in this section.

Watford, Hemel & St. Albans NHS Hospital Chaplaincy

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for a visit from hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let your parish clergy know if you or a close relative are in hospital. To contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling 01923 217994 or 0777 659 8704 referrals can also be made via email:spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk

Old Town Halloween Event is on Sunday 28th October this year from 3.30 to 7.30pm. Last year we had a massive visitor turnout and the few church volunteers we had were exhausted. If you can help out this year on one or both of two shifts 3.30-5.30 and 5.30-7.30 can you sign up on the lists that will appear in our churches shortly. Many thanks. Canon John

Parish Christmas Fair 24th November We need **helpers**, as we are extending our activity and we need **donations** of new or unused items for the stalls. (we are well past people's throw outs!) These include: Toiletries, Chocolate of any sort, boxed or packaged sweets, bottles of wine, any homemade jams and preserves, well-made/good quality craft items or gifts.

Parish Bible Study Group The next Bible Study group meeting is 3.00pm Wednesday 3rd October at St Paul's.

Remembrance Sunday this November will be a big commemoration of the end of the First World War. As well as the usual services we will, this year, have a special 6.30pm service of readings and music to mark the occasion. If you have any family connections with someone involved in the Great War and would like to contribute or be involved please speak to the clergy.

All Souls services for the commemoration of the departed will be held at St Paul's on 28th October at 3pm and at St Mary's on 4th November at 3pm, - all welcome.

Our prayers for the sick and bereaved.

The parish has recently established a **Pastoral Group** of clergy and lay leaders who meet once a month to confidentially review those in need and on our prayer lists and to pray for them. We have started a new loose leaf booklet in each church building which remains on the altar and contains the names of all those in our prayers along with their Pastoral Group contact. For any information about those on our prayer list or if you would like to add or remove names then please speak to the clergy or the listed members of the new group. Names are automatically removed after one month (shorter term sick) and three months (longer term sick) but can be put back on again as necessary.

For a time as this new system establishes itself, and with the wide electronic distribution of this Bulletin and the new confidentiality measures that apply to personal data, we have decided to remove the list of names from this sheet. When you are in church please find the file on the altar and use the contacts to inform your own personal prayer.

Note on the Prayers of Intercession and for those who lead them.

The prayers in church now incorporate up to date information on those who have asked for our prayers taken directly from the black loose leaf folder which is kept on the altar. To add or remove names please see the note elsewhere on this Bulletin. For those who kindly lead our prayers please speak to the clergy for further guidance and make every effort to attend the next training session for intercessors.

DENS is looking for bikes to repair!

DENS is starting up a bike repair programme with the aim of supporting people to develop work skills, and to get started we are in need of adult bikes in need of repair. If you have an adult bike that's not working but is repairable or an old adult bike you no longer use that just needs some TLC or any unneeded parts, spares or anything else the participants in the project would find useful and would like to donate them to DENS please contact Tim on: fundraising@dens.org.uk or 01442 275900 (Mon-Fri)

Diary Dates

Sun 11 Nov 6.30pm WW1 Centenary service

Sat 24 Nov 10.00am Parish Fair at St Paul's

Sat 1 Dec 7.00 pm LTPT Christmas Party at St Paul's

A letter from the Team Vicars

Dear Friends,

Meeting Free October 2018

It has become very common to have a month devoted to an initiative. This might involve giving up something (giving up Social Media for September for example), taking up something (Movember's growing a moustache to raise awareness of prostate cancer) or just simply doing something different to highlight a need and raise money (Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning).

As the four vicars in the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry we wanted to do something that would free us from the endless round of meetings and return us to the front line of ministry so that we can spend more time doing the things we were called to do and thereby make a difference. Sometimes all those meetings just seem to create a load more meetings along with lots of hot air. So in October we won't be attending any meetings but give the time over to prayer and people. How this will be done will vary between us and we haven't co-ordinated our 'free time' in any way and we certainly won't be having a meeting to decide how we proceed!

We hope that you will understand this initiative and support us; maybe we will all see a difference and then possibly look to spread this initiative to the deanery, diocese and wider church or even make it two months without meetings for us next year! Don't worry our churches won't be closing and our wonderful lay people will carry on as always with any important meetings that we haven't been able to move or rearrange. We hope you will notice a different emphasis and approve of our plan.

With our love and prayers,

Richard, Pete, Austin and John
(Vicars of the Hemel Team)

Our meeting free October initiative in the Parish of St Mary and St Paul will see Canon John and Revd Caroline visiting as many homes as possible to chat, pray, offer a House Blessing (an ancient tradition) and leave a prayer card. There will be sign up lists in both churches so that you can book a slot for the clergy person who is available when you are and who meets your needs. This is intended to be a half hour opportunity for you to talk to the clergy, voice your needs and concerns and get to know them better. No need for elaborate hospitality a little of your time and a warm cuppa will suffice. Sign up as soon as you can!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A black and white illustration of harvest-themed items. It features two large pumpkins in the center, a pear to the right, and several sunflowers and corn cobs scattered around them. The style is a simple line drawing with some shading to give depth.

The main celebrations of Harvest will be our First Sunday services on 7th October (9.30am at St Mary's and 11.15 at St Paul's). The 9.30am at St Paul's will also be harvest themed but the service will be along usual lines to allow us to concentrate on the 11.15 celebration. Please bring a large selection non-perishable goods along in support of DENS to these services, (list of requested items on the notice boards). Everybody is then welcome for the traditional lunch and auction in support of DENS at St Mary's Hall at 12.30pm

Parish Diary for Week commencing 30th September

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
30 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	StP
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	StM
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity			
Monday			
1 Oct			
Tuesday	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
2 Oct			
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	StM
3 Oct			
Thursday	8.00pm	Bellringing Practice	StM
4 Oct			
<i>Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226</i>			
Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice	StM
5 Oct			
Saturday	10.00am	Open Church	StM
6 Oct	10.30am	Wedding Office	StM
<i>William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536</i>			
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	StM
7 Oct	8.45am	Interment of Ashes – Mary Parr RIP	StM
	9.30am	Holy Communion	StP
	9.30am	First Sunday Welcome Service	StM
	11.15am	First Sunday Welcome Service	StP
Harvest Festival			

Evening Prayer is said most weekdays at St Mary's at 5.15pm

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