

Whitechapel Mission: We are looking for someone to either take over or provide long-term cover as the local collection point for Whitechapel Mission donations. It is not an onerous commitment and anyone who is possibly interested can find out more by contacting Julian or Marie-France Rowland on 01438 812560 or email julianrowland@hotmail.com.

The Whitechapel Mission Giving Basket will be placed in church next Sunday, 6th December, and on the first Sunday of every month, for donations of clothing and toiletries for the Whitechapel Mission. It will be positioned in front of the right-hand pillar as you enter the church. Please bring any items and drop them in the basket on the way to your pew.

Sparklers Advent Window: Sparklers are producing an Advent Window on the theme of Good King Wenceslas: if you have scraps of fabric and material which you could let us have to make a King's robe, please let Su Blanch (su.blanch@yahoo.com / 716707) or Gail Lumsden know.

Football: The season is well underway. As you may know St Mary's now has two sides (firsts and reserves) competing most Saturday mornings in the Herts and Borders Church League and nationally in various cup competitions. Currently our first team is top of the Division 1 and the reserves doing well in Division 2. With over 30 paid up members of the club we seem to be going from strength to strength. One team is usually playing on a Saturday morning at the Welwyn Playing fields, so do come along and support. We are always welcoming to any new players (even if you only wish to come along to the weekly training sessions to keep fit and enjoy the company), so please call Steve Veasey (815142) if you would like to join in.

Next week's readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Weekday Services

Monday	9.00am 1.15pm	Morning Prayer Funeral
Tuesday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
Wednesday	9.30am 2.00pm 9.00pm	Holy Communion Pram Service Compline
Thursday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
Friday	10.00am 1.45pm	Holy Communion at St Michael's Funeral
Saturday	9.00am	Prayers for the life of the Parish and healing



The Residents of: New Road; Oak Road; Strawplaiters Close Woolmer Green

The Sick: Muriel Taylor; Yim Lon Chong; Connie Udale; Sophie Washington; Dawn Tilley; Bryan Tipping; Peter Brooks; Lynda Corry; Penny Wakefield; Ann Gurney

Those who have died recently and for their families and friends: Jim Tappendon; Daisy Cooper; Elsie Trevena; James Morley; Derek Haslam; Canon John Farrant; Betty Bryant

This week please pray for:

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane and Stephen
Our Church Wardens Mike & Jane and Deputy Wardens Rod & John; The Community Café; The Pram Service; The Mothers' Union
The first of our services of Compline on Wednesday
All the churches of our Team Ministry during this period of a vacancy

St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

**Sunday 29th November
Advent Sunday**

We welcome all our visitors to this
Service of Parish Communion
and hope you will stay behind afterwards
for a cup of coffee.

For those with a hearing aid an induction loop is fitted in this church for your use. There are also large print versions of the service and the hymn books available. Please ask one of the sidespersons.

*Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works
of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Opening Hymn: 16
'Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling'

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
(Read by Nigel Bridger)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end
(Read by Lynn Bridger)

St Mary's Church Office:
open weekdays 10am-12noon Tel: 01438 840964
e-mail secretary@welwyn.org.uk
Parish Web site www.welwyn.org.uk

Gradual Hymn: 8
'Lift up your heads ye mighty gates'

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

Offertory Hymn: 148
'The God of Abraham praise' (omit *vv)
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing:
'And the glory of the Lord' - Handel.

Communion Hymn: 1
'Creator of the stars of night'

Final Hymn: 3 'Come, thou long expected Jesus'

 Notices 

The Welwyn Team Ministry
Advent Carol Service

*A quiet, reflective, candlelit service
of music and readings for the beginning of Advent
this evening
at 6.30pm in St Mary's*

The service will be followed by light refreshments

Welwyn Community Café
every Tuesday from 9am-12noon
in St Mary's New Church House

This is a joint venture between the Parish Council
and St Mary's and aims to provide a weekly
congenial meeting place for everyone in the local
area.

Tea/coffee/biscuits/cakes available

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children and their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed, informal service.

The first of our services of **Candlelit Compline** will be held on Wednesday, 2nd December, at 9pm in St Mary's. Compline is a quiet, reflective service with a Meditation focusing on the themes of Advent.

The Mothers' Union will meet for an Advent Service at St Martin's Church, Knebworth at 2.15pm on Thursday 3rd December.

Members of 14+ will be taking part in the sleep-out on Friday, 4th December, at St Albans Abbey in aid of the Open Door in St Albans. If you would like to sponsor them sponsor forms are on the table by the South Door.

A Concert by the Camerata Orchestra

Conductor - Robert Gould
Saturday 5th December at 8pm
in St Mary's Church

*Admission free with retiring collection for
St Mary's Church*

Christmas Fairtrade Sales: There will be Fairtrade sales on Saturdays December 5th and December 12th in Church House between 10am and 11.30am. Come and browse Traidcraft Christmas cards, lovely crafts and gifts as well as groceries. The Traidcraft catalogue is available by the main entrance to the church and also from the Saturday morning shop if you wish to see what else is available to order. For more details contact Maggie Varco on 01438 715450.

Next Sunday, 6th November, is the **Second Sunday of Advent**. Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Stephen Fielding will preside and preach. The Christingle Service will take place at 3.30pm. There will be a service of Evensong at 6.30pm in St Peter's, Tewin led by Mick Simmons.

Our Christingle Service this year will be held on Sunday 6th December at 3.30pm in St Mary's. This is a very popular service in support of the Children's Society. If you would be able to help, either with preparing the Christingles after the 9.30am Eucharist and/or during the Christingle Service itself, please would you put your name on the list on the table at the crossing or speak to Eunice Reddish, 715086.

Christingle Service

Sunday 6th December
at 3.30pm
in St Mary's
all young families welcome

Please note there will be no Family Service
that morning

The Church Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday 8th December at 2.30pm in New Church House for an afternoon of Christmas Readings and Carols.

The next meeting of the **Time for God Group** will be on Friday 11th December at 11am at the home of Mavis Francis, 10a Hawbush Rise, Welwyn. There will be an Advent Celebration and we will be looking at the events leading up to the births of John and Jesus. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch. All welcome. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 718732.