

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.

Why one pink candle! This year there has been a change to our Advent Wreath. We have 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle and 1 white candle. The Liturgical colour for Advent is Purple – the colour of repentance. A purple candle was lit on Advent Sunday (last Sunday). That will be lit again this Sunday, Advent II, together with a 2nd purple candle. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is historically a Sunday for rejoicing (refreshment) in the middle of Advent. On this Sunday the pink candle is lit, along with the first 2 purple candles. The last purple candle joins these on the 4th Sunday of Advent. The white candle is lit at the first Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass) when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Eunice Reddish



The Residents of: Pottersheath Road; Rabley Heath Farm; Spindlebury Close

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: Elsie Trevena; James Morley; Derek Haslam; Canon John Farrant; Betty Bryant

This week please pray for:

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane and Stephen
Our Readers Colin, Usha, Catherine and Mick
The Community Café; The Church Women's Fellowship; The Time for God Group
The Deanery of Biggleswade

All the churches of our Team Ministry during this period of a vacancy

Next week's readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

The Sixth Advent Window

'The Angel Gabriel from heaven came'
designed by Dilys Manoy
will be opened at the White Horse, Mill Lane
at 12 noon today to the refrain of the carol
sung by members of our Choir
The White Horse are promising
refreshments of carvery bites.
Do come and support

Weekday Services

The office will be closed for one day on Monday 7th December.

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| Monday | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer at Tewin |
| Wednesday | 9.30am 6.30pm 9.00pm | Holy Communion St Mary's School Carol Service Compline |
| Thursday | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer at Datchworth |
| Friday | 10.00am | Holy Communion at St Michael's |
| Saturday | 9.00am | Prayers for the life of the Parish and healing |

St Mary's Church Office:
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St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

Sunday 6th December
The Second Sunday of Advent

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,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen*

Opening Hymn: 234'
Christ, whose glory fills the skies'

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4
(Read by Philip Mawer)

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11
(Read by Ann Mawer)

Gradual Hymn: 14
'The advent of our God'

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Offertory Hymn: 10
'Long ago, prophets knew'
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing:
'Dearest Lord Jesu' - J. S. Bach

Communion Hymn:

'Be still and know that I am God'

1) Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

2) I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

3) In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Final Hymn: 7 'Hills of the north rejoice'

 Notices 

Christingle Service

this afternoon at 3.30pm

in St Mary's

all young families welcome

Please note there will be no Family Service
this morning

There will be a service of ***Evensong*** at 6.30pm this evening in St Peter's, Tewin led by Mick Simmons.

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 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.

Candlelit Compline
Wednesday 9th December
at 9.00pm in St Mary's

Compline is a quiet, reflective service with a
Meditation focusing on the themes of Advent.

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 look-
ing 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.

The last of the ***Christmas Fairtrade sales*** will be on
Saturday 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, 13th December, is the ***Third Sunday
of Advent***. Coralie McCluskey will preside at Holy
Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Com-
munion at 9.30am. Coralie McCluskey will preside
and Usha Hull will preach. There will be Evensong
at St Mary's at 6.30pm led by Coralie McCluskey.

Pram Service: The next Pram Service will be on
Wednesday, 16th December, at 2pm in St Mary's.
We will be attempting to tell the Christmas story
with the children - appropriate costumes welcome.
All pre-school children, their parents and carers
welcome at this relaxed informal service.
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Welwyn's Big Carol Sing

Wednesday 16th December
from 6-6.30pm

in the churchyard
followed by festive refreshments
in New Church House

Help is needed with refreshments, giving out carol sheets
and a bucket collection for Shelter for Hertfordshire
Please contact Jane Carr on jane@carrassociates.co.uk
or 01438 840720

Carer's Group

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December
at 12 noon

followed by
Christmas Carols

We will be ***decorating the church for Christmas*** on
Saturday, 19th December, from 10am to 12noon. If
you would like to help, contact Dilys Manoy, on 01438
715720 or dilmanoy@yahoo.co.uk.

Service of Lessons and Carols

by candlelight

Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm in St Mary's

All welcome