

The next Ladies' Lunch - Saturday 20th February

We are delighted to welcome **Barbara Doherty MBE** as our guest speaker. Barbara is Vice-President at the Isabel Hospice. Her talk is entitled '**The Hospice Movement**'. Barbara will tell us about the many aspects of the Isabel Hospice, the history of the hospice movement, the patient care and the worth of volunteers. Please do join us for what will be a very interesting talk, friendly company and superb food. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday 17th January immediately after the 9.30am service and every Sunday until and including Sunday 7th February, and will be available **in NCH only**. Please note that only cash payments can be accepted and that reservations cannot be made. Please also note that, on this occasion, **the talk will take place in NCH**. We would also like to appeal to any lady who has attended Ladies' Lunches in the past, is going to attend this one and has not previously helped with the clearing and, of course, feels she is able to contribute, to come forward and give a little of her time at the end of the lunch to help clearing away and work in the kitchen. We are trying to increase the number of ladies in our pool of volunteers so that no one will have to help more than once a year. Would those who can help please let the team know at the time of purchasing their ticket. Many thanks in advance and we hope to welcome a full house once again.



For your Prayers

The Residents of: Copper Beeches; Danesbury Lane; Danesbury Park Road

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

This week please pray for:

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane and Stephen
Our Sacristan and Servers
Our Church Bell Ringers
The Community Café
Our children on holiday from school
The Family Service next Sunday
All the churches of our Team Ministry during this period of a vacancy

Next week's readings: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-12; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 10-18

St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

Sunday 27th December The First Sunday of Christmas

We warmly 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,
who wonderfully created us
in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*

Opening Hymn: 25
'God rest you merry, gentlemen'

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26
(Read by Fiona Macdonald)

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-17
(Read by Rowena Macdonald)

Gradual Hymn: 31
'O Little One sweet, O Little One mild'

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-end

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Offertory Hymn: '42
'While shepherds watched their flocks by night'
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing
'Myn Lyking' -RR Terry.

Communion Hymn: 22 'Away in a manger'

Final Hymn: 33 'Of the Father's heart begotten'
(omit vv 2,3,6)

 Notices 

The font flowers this week are given in loving memory of **Patricia Macdonald** (1937-1998)

There will be a **quiet, reflective, said service** this evening at 6.30pm in St Mary's led by Coralie McCluskey.

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** on

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 Community Café will be open on
Tuesday 29th December

Wednesday morning at 9.30am in St Mary's. Diane Whittaker will preside. Please note there will be no other services next week in St Mary's.

Next Sunday, 3rd January, is the second Sunday of Christmas. Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30pm. Diane Whittaker will preside and preach. There will be a Family Service at 11.15am led by Coralie McCluskey.

Family Service for Epiphany

Sunday 3rd January
at 11.15am

in St Mary's

led by Coralie McCluskey

All welcome

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 6th January at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children, their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

Stuart Road Service - Thursday 7th January

Sung Eucharist
for the
Feast of Epiphany
8.00pm
Wednesday 6th January
in St Mary's

10.30-11am. Service of hymns followed by tea and coffee. Any older people who would like to come but need a lift please phone the office, 01438 840964.

On Sunday 10th January
at 6.30pm in St Mary's
The Liturgical Drama Group
Present

'The Three Gifts'

A service of drama and worship
for Epiphany

refreshments in New Church House
afterwards

The Church Women's Fellowship meet for their New Year's Lunch on Tuesday 12th January at 12.30 for 1.00pm at The White Horse in Mill Lane.

Time for God Group: The next meeting is on Friday, 15th January, from 9.30-11am at 23 Bluebells. All welcome. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 718732.

The Church Office will be closed this week and will re-open on Monday 4th January. In an emergency please contact the Revd Diane Whittaker on 01438 813043.

Please collect your **box of blue envelopes** for 2010 from the pew at the crossing. If you would like to use this method for your giving, I have boxes available. Maisie Mogridge.

The new cleaning rota for THE WHOLE OF 2010 is now in the pigeon holes. Would everyone who is on the cleaning rota please collect their copy as soon as possible. Please also make sure to read the instructions on the back of the rota. Thank you very much for your commitment, your help is invaluable.