

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.

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The Residents of: Beecholme; Reynards Road; Rollswood 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 churchwardens Jane & Mike and deputy wardens Rod & John
The Community Café; The Pram Service
The Stuart Road Service
Our children as they begin a new term
All the churches of our Team Ministry during this period of a vacancy

Next week's readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Weekday Services

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| Monday | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer at Tewin |
| Wednesday | 9.30am 2.00pm | Holy Communion Pram Service |
| Epiphany | 8.00pm | Sung Eucharist |
| 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 the Virgin,
Welwyn

**Sunday 3rd January
The Second 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,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of
your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in
his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*

Opening Hymn: 47
'As with gladness men of old'

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-12
(Read by Merle Rook)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14
(Read by Joyce Davis)

Gradual Hymn: 21
'A great and and mighty wonder'

Gospel: John 1: 10-18

Offertory Hymn: '495

'God is working his purpose out'

(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing

'Breathe on me breath of God'

Communion Hymn: 387

'Jesus good above all other'

Final Hymn: 'Christ triumphant ever reigning'

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King.

Lord of heav'n our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!

Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

3. Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!

Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!

Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

5. So our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

floral Notices *floral*

Family Service for Epiphany

Sunday 3rd January

at 11.15am

after this service

led by Coralie McCluskey

All welcome

There will be a service of *Evensong* at 6.30pm this evening at St Peter's, Tewin led by Colin Hull. The next *Pram Service* will be on Wednesday, 6th January, at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school

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

children, their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

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

Stuart Road Service - Thursday 7th January

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.

Next Sunday, 10th January, is the Baptism of Christ.

Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30pm. Diane Whittaker will preside and Usha Hull will preach. The Liturgical Drama Group will present 'The Three Gifts', a service for Epiphany, at 6.30pm in St Mary's.

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.