

**The next Men's Breakfast will be  
on Saturday 16th February  
in St Mary's New Church House  
at 8.00 for 8.15am**

The speaker will be **Michael Harris**

"What redundancy did for me.  
How I found my Vocation"

**Admission is by ticket only**, £5.00 in advance  
(up to 3<sup>rd</sup> February), on sale in St Mary's,  
(Michael Harris or James Finlay) & from the  
Danesbury Charity Shop & the Church Office

**You should buy your ticket early; there is a  
limit on the number of seats available.**

✠ For your Prayers ✠

**The Residents of:** Bracken Lane; The Chase; Firway  
**The Sick:** Muriel Taylor; Yim Lon Chong; Connie  
Udale; Sophie Washington; Dawn Tilley; Bryan  
Tipping; Peter Brooks; Lynda Corry; Penny Wakefield;  
Ann Gurney; Brian Evers; Anne Humphreys  
**Those who have died recently:** Bill Grimwade  
*and please pray also for their families and friends*

**This week please pray for:**

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane and Stephen  
Our readers Usha, Colin, Catherine and Mick  
The Community Café; The Time for God Group  
The Church Women's Fellowship  
All those struggling to cope with the very cold weather  
All the churches of our Team Ministry during this  
period of a vacancy

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 62: 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:  
1-11; John 2: 1-11

**Weekday Services**

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
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 10th January  
The Baptism of Christ**

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.

*Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water  
and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling  
as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen*

**Opening Hymn: 137**  
'Come down O love, Divine'

**First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7**  
(Read by Catherine England)

**Second Reading: Acts 8: 14-17**  
(Read by Rita McNeill)

**Gradual Hymn: 347**  
'Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove'

**Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**

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**Offertory Hymn: 339**

**‘Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart’**

*(During this hymn a collection will be taken)*

During Communion the Choir will sing

**‘Come down, O love Divine’** - William Harris

**Communion Hymn: 294**

**‘Just as I am without one plea’**

**Final Hymn: 352 ‘Crown him with many crowns’**



Due to the weather conditions the  
**Liturgical Drama Group**  
have had to cancel tonight’s  
**Service for Epiphany**

There will be a short said Evensong at 6.30pm  
led by Coralie McCluskey

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

**Time for God Group:** The next meeting is on Friday,  
15th January, from 9.30-11am at 23 Bluebells. There  
will be a bible study ‘A way of living’ from the letter  
of James. All welcome. For more details contact  
Margot Kenworthy on 718732.

**Fairtrade Sale:** Come and look at some January  
bargains from the Winter Traidcraft catalogue, on  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 10am – 11.30am in  
Church House.

**Next Sunday, 17th January, is the Second Sunday  
of Epiphany.** Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy  
Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Com-  
munion with Holy Baptism at 9.30pm. Stephen  
Fielding will preside and preach. There will be a  
service of Holy Communion at 6.30pm in St Peter’s,  
Tewin. Coralie McCluskey will preside and Usha  
Hull will preach.

The next **PCC meeting** will be on Monday 18th  
January at 8pm in New Church House.

The next **Carers' Lunch** will be on Thursday 21st  
January in St Mary's New Church House. We arrive  
from 12 midday onwards for a drink and a chat, and  
lunch is at 12.30. Lunch will be followed by a  
Quiz. To help with our catering we would be grateful  
if you would let Philippa Dowdell (01438 840964)  
know if you can come by Tuesday 19th January. We  
always have a little extra for those who find they can  
come without prior notice. Please be assured of a  
very warm welcome.

**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 as-  
pects of the Isabel Hospice, the history of the hospice  
movement, the patient care and the worth of volun-  
teers. Please do join us for what will be a very interest-  
ing 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 ad-  
vance and we hope to welcome a full house once  
again.

A **magazine distributor** is required for seven houses in  
the Lockleys Drive area. Please telephone John Wray  
01438 715187