

**The Whitechapel Mission Giving Basket** will be placed in church next Sunday, 7th February, 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. We are very pleased to announce that Jo Fozzard and Liz Tilson have very kindly offered to handle donations and collections for the Whitechapel Mission during our frequent absences. They can be contacted on either 01438 816001 or on Jo's mobile 07976 607783. Julian and Marie-France Rowland.

**Theatre Group** – there is one spare ticket to see Richard Bourne's production of Swan Lake at Milton Keynes Theatre **this coming Wednesday evening, February 3.** Ticket £25, coach £13. If you are interested, please call Eric Payer on 01438 716910.

If you would like to sponsor the **Altar flower arrangement** for a particular weekend, in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please contact Jane Carr on flowers@welwyn.org.uk or on 01438 840720.

**We are in need of more sidespeople** to join the rota for the 9.30am service and occasional mid week services. This would mean being on duty once every 10 or 11 weeks and the role does not involve anything strenuous, mainly greeting and looking out for others in church. Sidespeople should be on the electoral roll of St Mary's. If you would like more information please contact Jenny or Tom Davidson on 01438 718672  
tomandjennydavidson@btinternet.com

**Lent Books** are now available on the Bookstall.

Please would all those who kindly sponsored the **14+ Group** for their sleepover at St Albans Abbey before Christmas, please settle up with James Finlay as soon as possible.



**The Residents of:** Broom Hill; Chestnut Walk; Copse Hill  
**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; Doris Mildenhall  
*and please pray also for their families and friends*

**This week please pray for:**  
 Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane & Stephen  
 Our readers Colin, Usha, Catherine & Mick  
 The Stuart Road Service; The Pram Service  
 The **'40 Minute Service'** next Sunday;  
 The people of Haiti  
 All the churches of our Team Ministry during this period of a vacancy

Next week's readings: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end;  
 Revelation 4; Luke 8: 22-25

**Weekday Services**

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
Wednesday	9.30am 2.00pm	Holy Communion Pram Service
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 31st January  
 The Feast of Candlemas**

We welcome the Revd Guy Bustard, who will preside and preach for us this morning and we also 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 and ever-living God,  
 clothed in majesty,  
 whose beloved Son was this day  
 presented in the Temple,  
 in the substance of our flesh:  
 grant that we may be presented to you  
 with pure and clean hearts,  
 by your Son Jesus Christ 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: 234**  
 'Christ, whose glory fills the skies'

**First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5**  
 (Read by Frank Fairbanks)

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end**  
 (Read by Tom Davidson)

**Gradual Hymn: 44 'Faithful vigil ended'**

**Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40**

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 open weekdays 10am-12noon Tel: 01438 840964  
 e-mail secretary@welwyn.org.uk  
 Parish Web site www.welwyn.org.uk

**Offertory Hymn: 338 'At the name of Jesus'**  
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing  
**'Blest are the pure in heart'** - H Walford Davies

**Communion Hymn: 276**  
**'Bread of heaven on thee we feed'**

**Final Hymn: 'Shine, Jesus, shine'**

1) Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World,  
shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth  
you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord,  
and let there be light.*

2) Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter  
your brightness,  
search me, try me consume  
all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

3) As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives  
tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

## Notices

There will be a service of **Evensong** at 6.30pm this evening in St Mary's led by Stephen Fielding.

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 Men's Breakfast will be  
on Saturday 6th 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.**

**The AGM of the Mothers' Union** will be held on  
Tuesday 2nd February at 11 Mardley Avenue at  
2.00pm. A Mothers' Union DVD 'Home' will be  
shown.

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 3rd  
February at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children,  
their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed  
informal service.

**The Church Women's Fellowship** meet for their  
New Year's Lunch on Tuesday 9th February at  
12.30 for 1.00pm at The White Horse in Mill Lane.

**Stuart Road Service Thursday 4th February 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, 840964.

**Next Sunday, 7th February, is the Second Sunday before Lent.** Coralie McCluskey will preside at Holy Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30pm. Coralie McCluskey will preside and preach. Our new style 'Family Service' now called '40 minutes' will take place in New Church House at 11.15am There will be a service of Evensong at 6.30pm in St Peter's, Tewin led by Mick Simmons.

You are warmly welcomed to  
"40 minutes"  
on Sunday 7th February at 11.15am  
**in St Mary's New Church House**  
This is a friendly and informal service,  
designed to inspire and challenge all, whatever  
your age and wherever you are in your faith.  
Our theme is "Promises".

**The Annual Memorial Service**  
to remember before God those who have died  
will be held in St Mary's  
**Sunday 21st February at 3pm**  
The service will be led by the  
Revd Coralie McCluskey  
and the address will be given by  
the Revd Sandie Beck  
Chaplain to the Lister Hospital

All welcome