

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February - 7th March. The theme this year is THE BIG SWAP. The Fairtrade Foundation is encouraging people to switch to buying a fairtrade product, e.g. start buying fairtrade bananas instead of ordinary ones. Their aim is for 1 million “swaps” to be registered during Fairtrade Fortnight – visit their website to register your swap (www.fairtrade.org.uk).

✠ For your Prayers ✠

The Residents of: St John’s Close; St Mary’s Close; Blakes Way

The Sick: Muriel Taylor; Yim Lon Chong; Connie Udale; Dawn Tilley; Bryan Tipping; Peter Brooks; Penny Wakefield; Ann Gurney; Brian Evers; Anne Humphreys

Those who have died recently: Kit Trevena; Edna Challis 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
 Our Lent Groups and their Leaders
 The Pram Service; The Stuart Road Service
 The appointment of a new Team Rector
 All the churches of our Team Ministry during this period of a vacancy

Next week’s readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
Wednesday	9.30am 2.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Pram Service Service of Prayer & Meditation
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

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St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

Sunday 28th February
The Second Sunday of Lent

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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’ Luke 13: 31-35

Opening Hymn: 359 ‘Fight the good fight’

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
 (Read by Audrey Taylor)

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1
 (Read by Reg Taylor)

Gradual Hymn: 63
‘All ye who seek a comfort sure’

Offertory Hymn: 425

‘ O love how deep, how broad, how high
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing
‘Were you there?’ - David Ogden

Communion Hymn: ‘Bind us together Lord’

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken;
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord
Bind us together with love.*

- 1) There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body
That is why we sing: [Chorus]
- 2) Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Blood.
Born with the right to be free,
Jesus the vict'ry has won ... [Chorus]
- 3) We are the fam'ly of God.
We are his promise divine.
We are his chosen desire.
We are the glorious new wine ... [Chorus]

Final Hymn: 461

‘There’s a wideness in God’s mercy’



There will be *Evensong* this evening at 6.30pm led by Colin Hull.

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

A quiet reflective service of
Prayer and Meditation
Wednesday 3rd March
8pm
in New Church House
led by Coralie McCluskey

Stuart Road Service Thursday 4th March 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.

Women’s World Day of Prayer
led by Revd Coralie McCluskey
in St Mary’s New Church House
Friday 5th March at 1.30pm
followed by refreshments
A warm welcome to all

Next Sunday, 7th March, is the Third Sunday of Lent. Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30pm. Diane Whittaker 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 Usha Hull.

You are warmly welcomed to
"40 minutes"
at 11.15am on Sunday 7th March
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.

You are invited to a *Coffee Morning* to support the work of the Mothers' Union on Monday 8 March at 11 Mardley Avenue, Oaklands, Welwyn from 10.00 am to 12 noon. There will be a Sales Table and Bring and Buy. Coffee/tea and cake - £1.50. Chris Allday 716859.

The next meeting of the PCC is on Monday 8th March at 8pm in New Church House.

The next meeting of the **Church Women’s Fellowship** is on Tuesday 9th March at 2.30pm in Church House. Mrs Sue Keach will give a talk entitled ‘Climate Change -Sisters of the Planet’.

Spring Fairtrade Sale Saturday 13th March 10-11.30am. New Traidcraft Spring/Summer catalogue is out. For more details contact Maggie Varco 01438 715450.

14+ invite you to attend a showing of the much hyped climate change docudrama "The Age of Stupid" in New Church House on Sunday 14th March at 19.00. Please book your free place with James Finlay, 01707 896464 / james.finlay@welwyn.org.uk, as soon as possible. There will be a collection in aid of our charity this year, the Haitian appeal. Places are limited to a maximum of 40 in the hopes that you will all be able to see!

Revd. Jenny Fennell (Pavyer) will be licensed as Priest in Charge of St. Francis, Welwyn Garden City on Wednesday March 17th at 8.00pm by the Bishop of Hertford. Everyone is very welcome to attend this service which will be followed by refreshments.

Lent 2010. This year we are following the Diocese of St Albans Lent Course **‘Words of Challenge, Words of Life’**. The course will focus on the gospel readings from St Luke set for the Sundays of Lent. This course can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.stalbens.anglican.org/Mission/Lent-Course-2010>. For details of Lent Groups please see the notice on the pillar by the South door.