

The APCM

will take place on Wednesday 22nd April at 8pm
in New Church House
following a Service of Holy Communion at 7pm
and the Election of Church Wardens at 7.45pm
The meeting will be followed by refreshments

Elections for new members of the PCC will take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday, 21 April. If you are interested in serving your church in this way, please speak to a Churchwarden or me for further information. Barbara Pavyer (PCC Secretary).

Revision of St Mary's Electoral Roll 2010: This year's revision of the Electoral Roll commences on Sunday 28th March. If you are already on the Roll there is no need for you to do anything, unless you have moved house, in which case please advise your new address or email address. If you are over the age of 16, baptised and an habitual worshipper at St Mary's and would like your name to appear on the Roll, please fill in a form, available in the rack by the bookstall, and give it to Jane Carr, Electoral Roll Officer. Remember you cannot hold any office or vote at the APCM unless you are included on St Mary's Electoral Roll. **Today is last date for enrolment.** After this date no names can be added until after the APCM on 21st April.

**The next Men's Breakfast will be
on Saturday 24th April
in St Mary's New Church House
at 8.00 for 8.15am**

The speaker will be **Revd Stephen Fielding**

'The route to Welwyn described'
a reflection on his life and career before
ordination and his enjoyment of his current role.

Tickets available in church from
Mike Casey & James Finlay,
from the Church Office during normal office hours
& from the Danesbury Shop

Tickets must be purchased before 21st April
for catering purposes

Spring Ladies' Lunch - the wrong date was printed on some of the tickets; the date should read 17th April and NOT 20th February. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

For details of *weekday services* please see the notice in the porch.

✠ For your Prayers ✠

The Residents of: Rollswold Road; Becket Gardens;
The Beeches

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

Those who have died recently: Alice Dea and please pray also for her family and friends

This week please pray for:

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane & Stephen
Our readers Colin, Usha, Catherine & Mick
Our new Team Rector, Revd David Munchin, as he prepares to leave his present parish and join us.
The Pram Service on Wednesday
The Stuart Road Service on Thursday
The wedding on Saturday-Sue and Martin
Our children and teachers on holiday from school

Next week's readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8;
John 20: 19-end

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St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

**Sunday 4th April 2010
Easter Day**

We warmly welcome all our visitors to this Service of **Family Communion for Easter Day** and hope you will stay behind afterwards for a cup of coffee.

We also welcome the Revd Canon Patience Purchas, who will preside for us this morning

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.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: 110 'Jesus Christ is risen today'

Collect for Easter Day

*Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen*

Acts 10: 34-43 (read by Sheila Edmondson)

Gradual Hymn: 113 'Love's redeeming work is done'

Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Blessing of the Water of Baptism

Praise God who made heaven and earth

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church. **Amen**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that
through the paschal mystery we have died and
been buried with him in baptism, so that we may
rise with him to a new life within the family of
his Church. Now that we have completed our
observance of Lent, we renew the promise made
at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to
Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

All: I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

All: I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

All: I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of
Christian faith into which you were baptized,
and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

All: I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who
gives life to the people of God?

All: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in
the household of faith with all those who have been
baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our
baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the
whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn: 103 'Alleluya, Alleluya'

(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

Communion Hymn: 114 'Now is eternal life'

During Communion the Choir will sing '**Above all
praise and majesty**'- Mendelssohn.

Final Hymn: 104 'Christ triumphant ever reigning'

**"In place of the retiring voluntary after this morn-
ing's service the choir will be singing the Hallelujah
Chorus from Handel's Messiah. If you have sung
this before, please come and join the choir near the
choir stalls during the last verse of the last hymn to
sing this great chorus. Copies of the music are avail-
able. Let's see if we can get the windows to rattle!"**

 Notices 

There will be Evensong at 6.30pm this evening at St
Peter's, Tewin led by Coralie McCluskey.

The Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans will leave
All Saints Church at 8am. If people would like to join
we'll probably be at St Mary's by 9am. If anybody is go-
ing to walk could they please let Coralie know on 01438
817183. Thank you.

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 7th April
at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children, their
parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal
service.

*Stuart Road Service Thursday 8th April 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, 11th April, is the Second Sunday of
Easter:* The Revd Guy Bustard will preside at Holy
Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at
9.30am. The Revd Sandie Beck will preside and Usha
Hull will preach. There will be Evensong at 6.30pm led
by Colin Hull.

The Church Women's Fellowship AGM will take
place on Tuesday 13th April at 2.30pm in New Church
House.

The Carers' Group

will meet in St Mary's New Church House
on Thursday 15th April at 12 noon for 12.30 lunch.

All carers welcome