

In the 9.30am service on Sunday 25th April, there will be a taster of the worship offered at the "40 Minutes worship". The theme is Psalm 148, which will be continued in the 40 Minutes worship on 2nd May. During the sermon slot, this theme will be explored. The aim is to provide a challenging, engaging and inclusive worship, and, for this service only, we are giving the 9.30 congregation an impression of what we do.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Tuesday 4th May at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church Vestry. There will be a talk by Patricia Yates entitled 'To Teheran in a gown from the Koran Shop in Luton'.

St Michael's Coffee Morning and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 15th May 10am-12 noon. A chance to buy all your bedding, herb and vegetable plants. Enjoy refreshments while listening to live music in the Church. Browse the stalls and enter the 'British Coastline' Quiz. Enquiries: Marie Day 01438 812539.

Please can you help? St Mary's GHSP heating is controlled by Peter Branchflower, Nigel Bridger and Stephen Jupp. There were more of us and we would like there to be more again. If you have an internet connection and web browser all you need to do is login 3 or 4 times a day. More details? Please contact any of us. Help us save 24 tons of carbon dioxide a year! stephen.jupp@iee.org tel 716622.

A message from Welwyn St Mary's PTFA: Welwyn St Mary's PTFA have been selected by Waitrose as one of 3 charities to be put forward for a share of £1,000 for the month of April. We have nominated the Nature Reserve Project for our appeal and we hope that this will attract many shoppers at Waitrose. Our share of this £1,000 fund will be decided by Waitrose customers who vote for one of the 3 selected charities by depositing a green token into our box after completing their shopping at the checkout. So, we need as many votes as possible!! Please can you get all your friends, family and neighbours to vote for Welwyn St Mary's PTFA during the month of April when they shop at Waitrose. All customers have the opportunity to vote – so it will not matter if they are in any way connected to the school.

Geoffrey Tristram: Those who remember Geoffrey, our Rector from 1991-99, will be pleased to hear the news that he has been elected Superior of the North American Congregation of the Society of St John the Evangelist.

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

✠ For your Prayers ✠

The Residents of: Briary Wood End; Briary Wood Lane; Hangmans Lane

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

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.
Those to be baptised this morning Mia, Ryan and Lucas
The Pram Service
The APCM
The Men's Breakfast
The Wedding on Saturday - Paul and Vicky

Next week's readings: Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; Acts 9: 36-43; John 10: 22-30

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St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

Sunday 18th April 2010
The Third Sunday of Easter

We warmly welcome all our visitors to this Service of **Parish Communion with Holy Baptism** 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 Father
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth
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: 351
'Come, ye faithful raise the anthem'

First Reading: Acts 9: 1-6
(read by Etain Petty)

Gradual Hymn: 'I, the Lord of sea and sky'

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?.

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

The Sermon

The Baptism follows the sermon.

This morning we welcome Mia Rose Davis, Ryan Jacob Wilson and Lucas Cornelius Bankes-Mercer into the family of Christ's Church in Holy Baptism. Please pray for them, their parents and Godparents, that today they will know the strength of God's love and receive his blessing as they follow in the way of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: 172

'Thou art the Christ, O Lord'

(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

The Eucharistic Prayer

If you are a full member of another Christian Church you are welcome to make your communion with us. If you do not normally receive communion you are most welcome to come up for a blessing. Please bring your blue service booklet with you to show that you wish to have a blessing. Please bring the newly baptised and other children for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: 298

'May the grace of Christ our Saviour'

During Communion the Choir will sing **'O for closer walk with God'** - C V Stanford.

Final Hymn: 420 'O Jesus, I have promised'

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There will be **Holy Communion** this evening at 6.30pm in St Peter's, Tewin. Coralie McCluskey will preside and Usha Hull will preach

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 21st April at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children, their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

The APCM

will take place this coming Wednesday, 21st 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

Refreshments for APCM, 21 April: It is traditional for the APCM to be followed by refreshments of cakes, puddings, etc. for those attending. If you are willing to provide something along these lines, will you please sign the list on the table near the South door of the church this Sunday? Thank you.

Elections for new members of the PCC will take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 21st 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).

Copies of the APCM report are available by the Book-stall.

Time for God Group: The next meeting is on Friday 23rd April from 9.30-11am at 23 Bluebells. There will be a talk by the Revd Guy Bustard. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 01438 718732.

**The next Men's Breakfast will be
next 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.

There are still a few 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

Next Saturday morning, 24th April, **our new Team Rector, the Revd David Munchin**, will be visiting St Mary's, between 10.30 and 12 noon to make himself known to people before he joins the Team in the Autumn. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday, 25th April, is the fourth Sunday of Easter.

Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Diane Whittaker will preside. There will be Evensong in St Mary's led by Usha Hull.