

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 Coast-line' Quiz. Enquiries: Marie Day 01438 812539.

Christian Aid Week 9 - 15th May 2010: would all house to house collectors in Welwyn please note that envelopes and relevant documents are available for collection from the central aisle in St Mary's church from Sunday 25th April. There are also a few for those who collect in Oaklands/ Mardley areas (organised by Sue Keach at St Michael's). We would warmly welcome new volunteer collectors in both parishes - please contact Jane Bacon (820782) or Sue Keach (716657); or e-mail Jane.Bacon or Susan.Keach both @welwyn.org.uk

Future Dates for your diary :

Pentecost Sunday May 23rd - there will be a special service of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm.

Music Sunday June 13th - the St. Mary's Augmented Choir will be singing the Haydn Little Organ Mass as the setting at the 9.30am service and in the evening there will be a special service at 6.30pm organised and conducted by our young people.

We need adults/ late teens to help with our **Sunday morning children's activities over the summer** - and we're starting to recruit now! If you can commit to one or more Sundays over the summer holidays and would be interested in working with all ages of children on "Project Creation" then please contact Su Blanch (su.blanch@yahoo.com) or Alice Jupp 01438 716622. Whether experienced or not, your involvement will be much appreciated!

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29

St Mary's Church Office:
open weekdays 10am-12noon Tel: 01438 840964
e-mail secretary@welwyn.org.uk
Parish Web site www.welwyn.org.uk

Weekday Services

Tuesday	4.00pm 5.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for Peter Brooks 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	9.30am	Prayers for healing

✠ **For your Prayers** ✠

The Residents of: Blakes Way; Bowmans Close; Carlton Rise

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

Those who have died recently: Elizabeth Cooper; Peter Brooks; Rosemary Moore *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 new Team Rector, Revd David Munchin, as he prepares to leave his present parish and join us.
The Mothers' Union, The Pram Service
Our sides persons and servers
Our local shops, businesses and pubs

**St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn**

**Sunday 2nd May 2010
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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.

*Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Opening Hymn: 388
'Jesus shall reign where'er the sun'

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18
(read by Keith Thompson)

Second Reading: Acts 11: 1-18
(read by Vickie Harris)

Gradual Hymn: 460
'There is a land of pure delight' (omit v4)

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

Offertory Hymn: 'O Love that will not let me go'
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

During Communion the Choir will sing '**If ye love me**' - Thomas Tallis.

Communion Hymn: 282
'Faithful Shepherd feed me'

Final Hymn: 362
'Glorious things of thee are spoken'

 Notices 

'40 Minutes Service'
at 11.15am after this service
music by the 14+ band
All welcome

There will be *Evensong* this evening at 6.30pm in St Peter's, Tewin led by Mick Simmons.

A Service of Thanksgiving in Celebration of the Life of Peter Brooks will be held in St Mary's next Tuesday, 4th May, at 4pm..

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'.

The next *Pram Service* will be on Wednesday 5th May at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children, their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

Saturday 8th May – Fairtrade Sale – Church House 10-11.30am. As well as the usual fair trade groceries, other non-food items will be on sale. The Fairtrade stall has now started opening at the Community Café on the first Tuesday of every month, so will be open this coming Tuesday 4th May. This has proved very popular with café customers picking up some fairtrade coffee, sugar etc. as they enjoy their coffee.

A concert by the Camerata Orchestra

Conductor-Bob Gould
next Saturday, 8th May, at 8pm
in St Mary's Church

The programme includes music by
Handel, Telemann, J S Bach and Haydn

*Admission free with a retiring collection for
St Mary's Church*

Next Sunday, 9th May, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Diane Whittaker will preside and preach. There will be Evensong in St Mary's at 6.30pm led by Stephen Fielding.

The Church Women's Fellowship meet on Tuesday 11th May at 2.30pm in New Church House. Alice Jupp, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, will give a talk entitled 'Loving God and Living Green'.

'The Lord's Prayer'

Come and explore, over 6 weeks, the prayer at the heart of our faith - the best and richest summary of the message of Jesus.

When – Wednesdays from 12 May

Timing – 10.45 am

Duration - 12 May – 16 June inclusive

Where - New Church House

Led by – Stephen Fielding

If you would like to join the course, please let Stephen Fielding know on 07760 287614 or contact the Church Office on 01438 840964

Eucharist for Ascension Day

Thursday 13th May
at 8pm in St Mary's
Coralie McCluskey will preside
and preach

What to do if there is a fire: If you are involved in running an activity in Church or Church House, would you know what to do if there is a fire? Please come along to a short training session on Saturday 15th May 11:00am to find out. Mike Reddish.