

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.

Welwyn Mysteries 2010 -Volunteers are needed to help with front of house, car parking and manning the bar at one or more of the performances of the Mystery Plays at St Mary's School during this year's Welwyn Festival. Performances will take place on June 18th (at 8.00pm), 19th (2.30 and 8.00pm), 20th (4.00pm), 25th (8.00pm), and 26th (8.00pm). Please sign the list on the table near the South door of the church if you are willing to help (indicating, if you wish, the particular activity in which you are interested) or speak to Philip or Ann Mawer (01438 716741). In addition if anyone is a trained first aider and would be willing to help provide first aid cover at the plays, would they please speak to Ann Mawer.

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 36: 24-28; Acts 16: 16-34; John 17: 20-end

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Weekday Services

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
Friday	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Michael's
Saturday	9.30am 1.00pm	Prayers for healing Wedding

✠ **For your Prayers** ✠

The Residents of: Wendover Lodge; Hertford Road; The Green

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 Church Women's Fellowship on Tuesday
The Study Group on Wednesday
St Michael's Plant Sale on Saturday
The Wedding on Saturday—Joseph and Nicola

**St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn**

**Sunday 9th May 2010
The Sixth 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.

*God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us
to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us to eternal joy;
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: 200
'Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult'

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
(read by Lynn Bridger)

Second Reading: Acts 16: 9-15
(read by Nigel Bridger)

Gradual Hymn: 366
'God of mercy, God of grace'

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Offertory Hymn: 408

‘Love Divine, all loves excelling’
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing **‘E’en so Lord Jesus quickly come’** - Paul Manz.

Communion Hymn: ‘Peace, perfect peace’

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,
and Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace.

Final Hymn: 401

‘Lights abode, celestial Salem’ omit vv 3 & 4

Notices

Choral Evensong

this evening at 6.30pm in St Mary's
led by Stephen Fielding

Responses - Neary
Canticles - Harris in A
Anthem -

'If we believe that Jesus died' - John Goss
All welcome

9th - 15th May is Christian Aid Week - please deliver, collect and/or fill generously the envelopes through your doors this week. We can make a difference and it really is appreciated as this quote from Molla Asnake, who works with Christian Aid partners in Ethiopia, said; "I cannot believe you do this. You knock on strangers doors and ask them for money. That is brave. The people that Christian Aid supports in Ethiopia do not know this. I am saying Thank you on behalf of the people of my country. It doestake courage to do what you do for Christian Aid and I would like to thank you for that." There are still opportunities for more volunteer collectors in both Welwyn and Woolmer Green - please contact Jane Bacon (820782) or Sue Keach (716657).

During this morning's service, the choir will be singing a new version of the Gloria and Agnus Dei. Please would you let me, or any member of the choir, know after the service, whether you like them. If the feedback is generally positive, we will gradually introduce this and the other parts of the new setting over the coming months as an alternative to what has been used for about 18 years!!

‘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

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’. **St Michael’s Coffee Morning and Plant Sale** will be

Eucharist for Ascension Day

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

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.

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.

Next Sunday, 16th May, is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion with Holy Baptism at 9.30am. Stephen Fielding will preside and preach. There will be a service of Holy Communion in St Peter’s, Tewin at 6.30pm. Coralie McCluskey will preside and preach.

The Carers’ Group

will meet in St Mary’s New Church House on Thursday 20th May at 12 noon.

After lunch Stephen Fielding will play the keyboard and sing

All carers welcome