

**Datchworth Open Gardens
11 Village Gardens
Scarecrow & Flowerpot Men
Festival**

**Sunday 30th May
12-5.00pm**

**Craft Stalls, Cream Teas
Homemade Cakes, Pimms Tent
Ploughman's Lunches, BBQ, Live Music**

**Entrance £5—children under 12 free
All proceeds to All Saints Church,
British Red Cross, Jubilee Trust**

Future Date for your diary. 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.

Pat Brooks and family would like to thank everyone at St Mary's for their condolence cards offering love and support and also for the very many tributes to Peter. These cards and letters have meant a great deal to us all at this very difficult time.

A new readers rota is being prepared. If anyone would like to join the team of lesson readers at the 9.30am service please contact Philippa in the office on 01438 840964.

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

Welwyn Mysteries 2010 – Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with front of house, car parking and manning the bar at one or more performances of the Mystery Plays at St. Mary's School during this year's Welwyn Festival. Performances will take place on Friday, 18 June (at 8.00 p.m.), Saturday 19 (2.30 and 8.00 p.m.), Sunday 20 (4.00 p.m.), Friday 25 (8.00 p.m.) and Saturday 26 (8.00 p.m.). 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.

✠ **For your Prayers** ✠

The Residents of: Hawbush Rise; Hawbush Close; Green End

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; Dennis Hollingsworth; Muriel Meeks *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 Study Group on Wednesday; The Pram Service
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The Carer's Lunch on Thursday

The Wedding on Saturday -Joseph and Nicola

Next week's readings: Genesis 11: 1-9; Acts 2: 1-21;
John 14: 8-17

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**St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn**

**Sunday 16th May 2010
The Seventh 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.

*O God, the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

Amen

Opening Hymn: 130

'Hail the day that sees him rise' (omit * vv)

First Reading: Acts: 16: 16-34

(read by Philippa Dowdell)

Gradual Hymn: 'Loving Shepherd of thy sheep'

1) Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy pow'r withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.

2) Loving Shepherd, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live;
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

3) I would praise thee ev'ry day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

4) Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

5) Where thou ledest I would go,
walking in thy steps below;
then, before my Father's throne,
I shall know as I am known.

Gospel: John 17: 20-end

The Sermon

The Baptism follows the sermon.

This morning we welcome **Lucy Sophia Erven,**
Lily Gemmell and **Belle Seeley** 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: 436

'Praise my soul, the King of heaven'

(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.

During Communion the Choir will sing **'Come down O
Love divine'** - William Harris

Communion Hymn: 499 'Thy kingdom come O God'

Final Hymn: 'Lord for the years'

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

 Notices 

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** this eve-
ning at 6.30pm in St Peter's, Tewin. Coralie McCluskey
will preside and preach..

The PCC will meet tomorrow, Monday 17th, at 8.00pm
in New Church House.

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 19th
May at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children,
their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed infor-
mal service.

'The Lord's Prayer'

This course continues to explore, over the next 5
weeks, the prayer at the heart of our faith - the best
and richest summary of the message of Jesus.

**Wednesdays at 10.45pm
in New Church House
until 16th June**

Led by – Stephen Fielding

You are most welcome to join this course at any
time. Contact Stephen Fielding know on 07760
287614 or the Church Office on 01438 840964

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

Next Sunday, 23rd May, is the Feast of Pentecost.

Coralie McCluskey will preside and preach at Holy Com-
munion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion
at 9.30am. Coralie McCluskey will preside and preach.
There will be a service of Choral Evensong at 6.30pm in
St Mary's led by Usha Hull.

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

**Sunday 23rd May at 6.30pm
in St Mary's led by Usha Hull**

Responses - Smith, Canticles - Stanford in C
Anthem - 'O for a close walk with God' -
C V Stanford

All welcome