

The funeral of Muriel Taylor will take place in St Mary's on Friday 4th June at 2.30pm.

The Church Women's Fellowship meet on Tuesday 8th June at 2.30pm in New Church House when there will be a talk by Shoena Eggington.

There will be a Deanery meeting of the Mothers' Union on Tuesday 15th June at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church Vestry when Kim Wilkinson will give a talk entitled 'Relationship not Rules. Everybody welcome.

Time for God Group: The next meeting is on Friday, 18th June, from 9.30-11am at 23 Bluebells. All welcome. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 718732.

A Food Hygiene Training Course has been arranged for those who use the kitchen in Church House and anyone who would be interested in food hygiene. The course will run over 2 evenings on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July starting at 7.00pm. You will need to be able to attend on both evenings. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the course. Please let me know if you would like to attend. There will be no charge to participants. Eunice Reddish.

We are very grateful to the *Camerata Orchestra* for another lovely concert last Saturday and to Bob and Joan Gould for allowing all the proceeds of the retiring collection to go to St Mary's Church Funds. On this occasion the church has benefited to the tune of £500 which is a significant help towards our running costs.

Many thanks to all those who collected and or contributed to the recent *Childrens' Society* collection enabling us to raise £2080.97 for the society.

A magazine distributor is needed for 19 houses in Park-side. Please contact John Wray on 715187 if you can help.

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: Broomfield Close; Broomfield Road; Hobbs Hill

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

Those who have died recently: Rosemary Moore; Dennis Hollingsworth; Muriel Meeks; Muriel Taylor *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 wedding on Friday Paul and Joanne
The Study Group
The Mystery Plays
The Church Bell Ringers

Next week's readings: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

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St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

**Sunday 23rd May 2010
The Feast of Pentecost**

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, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your
Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Opening Hymn: 'The Spirit lives to set us free'

1. The Spirit lives to set us free
walk, walk in the light
He binds us all in unity
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

2. Jesus promised life to all
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.

3. He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light.
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

4. We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

6. The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

First Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9
(read by Valerie Turner)

Second Reading: Acts 2: 1-21
(read by Vernonne Allan)

Gradual Hymn: 140
'Holy Spirit, come confirm us'

Gospel: John 14: 8-17

Offertory Hymn: 431
'O thou, who camest from above'
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing **'Cantique de Jean Racine'** - Gabriel Fauré.

Communion Hymn:
'Be still for the presence of the Lord'

1) Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2) Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3) Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Final Hymn: 137 'Come down, O Love divine'

floral Notices *floral*

The altar flowers this week are given in celebration of the 35th wedding anniversary of Stuart and Jane Carr. If you would like to sponsor church flowers in memory of someone or in celebration of a particular event, please contact Jane Carr at flowers@welwyn.org.uk or 01438 712510.

Choral Evensong for Pentecost

this evening 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

'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

Next Sunday, 30th May, is Trinity Sunday. Guy Bustard will preside at Holy Communion at 8.00am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Guy Bustard will preside and preach. There will be a said service of Evensong at 6.30pm in St Mary's led by Colin Hull.

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