

The Diocese of St Albans together with Learning Together: Thinking Christianity Welwyn-Hatfield is running 5 courses during the Autumn open to any one interested in furthering their faith and developing their ministry through study. There are 5 different modules:

Christian God: Doctrine -led by our new Rector to be, David Munchin

Reading the New Testament with an **Optional Workshop**

Church History

Reading the Old Testament

More information is available from the leaflets on the stands by the bookstall and on the notice board in the porch.

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

The Welwyn Mysteries. Warm thanks to everyone who came to watch the Mystery Plays or helped in any other way with the staging of the plays. Overall the plays were seen by almost 500 people and we received many appreciative comments on what was also an important community event. Particular thanks go to Keith Thompson (director), Eric Pavyer (musical director) and the other members of the production team. Already there is talk of repeating the project - though not just yet! Although some of the bills have still to come in, we expect to be left with a healthy surplus all of which will be donated to local charities. We will give an update on that when the accounts have been settled.

✠ For your Prayers ✠

The Residents of: Twin Foxes; Wickfield; Wickfield Close Woolmer Green

The Sick: Yim Lon Chong; Connie Udale; Dawn Tilley; Bryan Tipping; Penny Wakefield; Ann Gurney; Brian Evers; Sue Edwards; Mike Harris

Those who have died recently: Maurice Nicolls; Margaret Betty Cornish
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 children baptised this morning -Jessica, Oliver & Rocky

The Pram Service

The PCC Meeting

The Wedding on Saturday - Stuart & Helen

Next week's readings: Acts 11: 27-12: 2;
2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28

St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

Sunday 18th July 2010
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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.

The Revd Diane Whittaker will preside and preach for us this morning.

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.

*Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the nourishing of your kingdom;
though Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Opening Hymn: 440 (omit vv 4 & 5)
'Praise to the Lord the Almighty,'

First Reading: Colossians 1: 15-28
(Read by Byron Jones)

Gradual Hymn: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God'

1) Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.
*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

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2) You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.

3) Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-end

The Baptism follows the sermon.

This morning we welcome **Rocky Joseph Bell, Jessica Mary Hutchinson and Oliver Joseph Johnson** 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: 396

'Let saints on earth in concert sing'

(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: 272 'All for Jesus'

During Communion the Choir will sing **'Be thou my vision'** - Bob Chilcott

Final Hymn: 296

'Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour'

 Notices 

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** at 6.30pm this evening in St Peter's, Tewin. Diane Whittaker will preside and Colin Hull will preach.

Welwyn Community Café

every Tuesday from 9am-12noon
in St Mary's New Church House

This is a joint venture between the Parish Plan Committee and St Mary's. Come with a friend, or make some new ones over a cup of tea or coffee and a toasted tea cake!

All welcome, easy access

The next meeting of the **PCC** is on Wednesday, 21st July, at 8.00pm in New Church House.

Next Sunday, 25th July, is the Feast of James the

Apostle: Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Stephen Fielding will preside and preach. The first of our Summer Sunday Evensongs will take place in St Mary's at 6.30pm led by Stephen Fielding.

Summer Sunday Evensongs: Starting next Sunday, 25th July, we shall be holding Summer Sunday Evensongs in all the churches in the Team. The services will start at 6.30pm and the theme will be **'Journeys'**. This is a great opportunity to visit the other churches in our team, to meet new people and to share a glass of wine or fruit juice at the end of the evening.

- 25th July - **Welwyn** 'The 'Ex' Factor. Exodus, exile & the journey home' - Stephen Fielding
- 1st Aug - **Woolmer Green** 'Long Wandering Prayer or praying as you walk' - Diane Whittaker
- 8th Aug - **Ayot St Peter** 'The song of the pilgrim - Psalm 21' - Usha Hull
- 15th Aug - **Tewin** 'John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress' - Mick Simmons
- 22nd Aug - **Welwyn** 'Francisco Bernadoni - a journey into poverty' - Colin Hull
- 29th Aug - **Datchworth** 'Into the unknown - a journey of faith' - Catherine Jupp
- 5th Sept - **Tewin** 'From Bethlehem to the Foot of the Cross - Mary's story' - Coralie McCluskey

If you would like to attend one of these services but transport is a problem please speak to one of the church wardens and they will be happy to arrange a lift.

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 21st July at 2.00pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children, their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

A service of blessing of Julian and Marie-France Rowland's marriage Everyone is warmly invited to attend Julian and Marie-France's special service on Saturday 14th August at 3pm in St Mary's Church. Please also join them after the service for refreshments in NCH.

Men's Breakfast

St Mary's, New Church House
8.00 for 8.15 am, Saturday 31st July

Freddie Godshaw

**"From Nazi Germany to
Welwyn Garden City"**

Brought up in Germany in the 1930s Freddie will tell of his family's escape to Britain, internment, and how he ended up in Welwyn Garden City.

**Men of all ages are welcome. Come yourself and bring a friend (or two).
Admission by ticket only, £5.00**

**From Mike Casey, the Church Office &
Danesbury Shop (by Wednesday 28th July)**

The Rev'd Dr David Munchin will be instituted as Welwyn Team Rector at St Mary's at 8.00 pm on Monday 27th September and he will begin his ministry immediately after this. He and Ysmena will be moving into the Rectory on 20th July and he finishes at St Mary Magdalene at the end of July before going on holiday in early August. Please bear in mind that although they will be living in Ottway Walk, he will not be working in The Team until after his Institution. More details will be available about arrangements for the Institution in early September. In the meantime, David has extended an invitation to a concert he is giving at 7.30 pm next **Saturday 24th July** at St Mary Magdalene, Holly Bush Lane, AL7 4JS. This takes place over their Patronal Festival week-end and will feature a mix of classical, show tunes and jazz numbers - very relaxed and informal. Admission is free and there will be refreshments. It will also provide an opportunity to see their recently reordered church.