

During August, **the choir** takes a break. There are no choir practices and no anthems are sung during Communion although those members that are available sing the hymns and setting. The choir will be back in full voice in September.

**Spring Clean:** The spring clean for St Mary's Church will this year be on Saturday 18th September. OK, yes I know it is a bit late for spring, but it would be really good to have a clean Church for David's Institution. The clean will take place between 9.30am and 12noon. Please help if you can. Mike Reddish.

### **St Mary's Theatre Group — Theatre Trips**

to Milton Keynes, with optional coach travel arranged from Welwyn, have proved popular. Our next planned trips are for evening performances as follows: Romeo & Juliet, English National Ballet, score Prokofiev, on November 3rd 2010. Glyndebourne on Tour with La Cenerentola by Rossini (Italian with English supertitles) on November 10th 2010. Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward with Alison Steadman (pre-London West End run) on February 16th 2011 Welsh National Opera with Johann Strauss II's Die Fledermaus on April 13th 2011 For more details about any one of these, please contact Vernonne Allan by email [vernonne@allandesign.co.uk](mailto:vernonne@allandesign.co.uk) or tel 01438 716732. Thank you.

### **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.

**2010/11 Saturday Morning Coffee & Fairtrade Rotas** are now available in the pigeonholes.



**For your Prayers**

**The Residents of:** Peace Grove, Tanglewood, Turpins Chase

**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:**

John Bell; Henry Temple; Maurice Kantor; Frank Gower

*and please pray also for their families and friends*

### **This week please pray for:**

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane & Stephen

Our new Team Rector to be, Rev'd David Munchin

Our Team Secretary, Pip

The children being baptized today, Jack, Arthur and Benjamin

Our Junior Church and Young People's Group leaders

Our Sidespeople

The Community Café, Pram Service and Carers' lunch

Wedding on Saturday—Alex and Elaine

Everyone on holiday

Next week's readings: Isaiah 58.9b-end, Hebrews 12.18-end, Luke 13.10-17

**Weekday Services:** Please see the notice in the Porch

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## St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

### Sunday 15th August 2010 Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Festival

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 Coralie McCluskey 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.

*Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*And chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.*

**Opening Hymn: 237**  
**'Morning has broken'**

**First Reading: Isaiah 61: 10-end**  
(Read by Anne Symonds)

**Gradual Hymn: 161**  
**'For Mary, Mother of the Lord'**

**Gospel: Luke 1; 46-55**

**The Baptism follows the sermon.**

This morning we welcome **Jack William Gurney, Arthur Stanley Caratacus Gubby and Benjamin George Iles** into the family of Christ's Church in Holy Baptism. Please pray for them, their parents and God-parents, 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: 'Beauty for brokenness'**

*(During this hymn a collection will be taken)*

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray,  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak..

3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;  
make us content with the things that we need.

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,  
until your justice burns brightly again;  
until the nations learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

**Communion Hymn: 'Let us break bread together'**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me

2. Let us share wine together on our knees,  
let us share wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us share wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Final Hymn: 186  
'Tell out my soul'**



**Flowers:** The Altar flowers this week are in celebration of the blessing of Marie-France and Julian Rowland's marriage. The flowers in the St Nicholas Chapel are in memory of Rachel Woodcock.

**Summer Sunday Evensongs:** The fourth in our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs will be held this evening in St Peter's, Tewin All the services 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.

- 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.

**Welwyn Community Café**

every Tuesday from 9.30am-12noon  
in St Mary's New Church House

This is a joint venture between the Parish Plan Committe 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 **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 18th August at 2.00pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children, their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

**The Carers' Group**

will meet in St Mary's New Church House  
on Thursday 19th August at 12 noon.

After Lunch Andrew Brown from  
The Welwyn Film Society  
will be showing a film

All carers welcome

**Next Sunday, 22nd August**, is the Twelfth Sunday afterTrinity. Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Diane Whittaker will preside and preach. Our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs continues at St Mary's, Welwyn at 6.30pm led by Colin Hull.

**Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust:** The sponsor ship forms and sign-in sheets for this years' Bike and Hike have arrived. Saturday 11th. September is approach ing rapidly. So do try to help by getting a bunch of friends together. There is also a list of Churches which will be open that day for your information. If you have any more questions or problems please do not hesitate to phone us. Forms available from Tom and Jenny Davidson 01438 718672