

The next Ladies' lunch is taking place on 2nd October - 'From government to royalty: interpreting in high places'. We are very pleased to welcome Vickie Harris as our guest speaker. Vickie has been a member of St Mary's church and a valued member of the choir for 21 years. Among many other talents, Vickie is also an amazing linguist - she has had a brilliant career as an interpreter, a translator and a teacher. Her talk promises to be enlightening, revealing and witty. Please come and join us for another enjoyable talk and lunch. Tickets at £8.00 will be sold on Sunday 5th and Sunday 12th September after the 9.30am service from NCH only. As always, we would welcome anyone who has not helped with the Ladies' Lunch before to come forward at the time of purchasing their ticket - their contribution would be greatly appreciated. Please note that this new date is replacing the original date of 18th September.

Whitechapel Mission: 14+ are going to have a major collection day for the Whitechapel Mission in Church House on Saturday 9th October from 10:00 to 15:00. Tea and coffee will be available throughout. From Sunday 12th September we will be showing a presentation in Church House after the 09:30 services which will tell a bit more about the work of the Mission and list the items that are currently needed. We hope you will be able to support this event; further details in the Pew Sheets.

Welwyn Tune: We are aiming to establish a youth choir at St. Mary's, Welwyn Tune! The choir is aimed at children of 7 years and older. The main objectives of the choir are to foster interest and enjoyment of singing, to continue the tradition of music making at St. Mary's and to provide an opportunity for young people to participate in worship. We will have weekly practices in which we will develop singing skills and repertoire. We hope that the choir will participate in key celebrations such as Christmas, Mother's Day and Easter. We hope that children in St. Mary's congregation and in the local area will join the choir. Rehearsals will be on Fridays, 5.00pm to 6.00pm. in Church House. The first practice will be on Friday 17th September, so do please come along and have a sing! If you would like to find out more about Welwyn Tune please contact: Michelle Boylan – michelle.boylan@ntlworld.com or Barbara Young – b.honeyyoung@yahoo.co.uk

Do you live on your own? Do you sometimes wish, particularly at weekends and holiday times, that you knew of others similarly placed who felt the same – people with whom you could go for a walk, ask round for a cup of tea, meet for lunch, or just chat to on the 'phone? It's difficult to break into people's family weekends but much easier to contact others who live alone. I believe building a network of such people could be a positive benefit to many. If you are interested, please contact me in the first instance and we can plan an informal meeting over coffee or tea, possibly at Church House, to discuss what we might do. Mary Gregory 01707 323854 or mary.gregory@welwyn.org.uk



The Residents of: Cylers Thicket; Danesbury Park Manor; Dewars Close

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

Those who have died recently: Frank Gower and please pray also for his family and friends

This week please pray for:

Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane & Stephen
Our new Team Rector to be, Rev'd David Munchin
The '40 Minutes' Service
The Mothers' Union
The 14+ QuizAid for Christian Aid
Our choir and organist-Eric
Our children and teachers at the start of a new school year

Next week's readings: Exodus 32: 7-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10

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St Mary the Virgin, Welwyn

Sunday 5th September 2010
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

We warmly welcome all our visitors to this
Service of Parish Communion
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.

*Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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: 433
'O worship the King' (omit vv 4 & 5)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end
(Read by Joan Webb)

Second Reading: Philomen 1: 1-21
(Read by Vernonne Allan)

Gradual Hymn: 431
'O thou who camest from above'

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Offertory Hymn: 336
'Angel -voices ever singing'
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

Communion Hymn: 328 'God be in my head'

During the Communion the Choir will sing **'O for a closer walk with God'** - C V Stanford.

Final Hymn: 439
'Praise to the Holiest in the height'

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You are warmly welcome to
"40 minutes"
at 11.15am after this service
in St Mary's New Church House
The theme of the service will be **'Journeys'**

This is a friendly and informal service,
designed to inspire and challenge all, whatever
your age and wherever you are in your faith.

Summer Sunday Evensongs: The last in our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs will be held this evening in St Peter's, Tewin at 6.30pm led by Coralie McCluskey.

5th Sept - Tewin 'From Bethlehem to the Foot of the Cross -Mary's story' - Coralie McCluskey

If you would like to attend this 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 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 *Mothers' Union* will be on Tuesday 7th September at 2pm in St Michael's Church Vestry. There will be a talk by Jenny Lane, Faith and Policy Unit Co-Ordinator.

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride & Walk—Saturday 11th Sept Cyclists and walkers—your last chance to get a Sponsorship form for this event. (half the money raised goes direct to St Mary's). You can still get sponsorship even if you can only visit a couple of churches, or you could sponsor those who will be sitting in Church all day signing forms of participants from other Churches. Forms from and donations to Tom & Jenny Davidson on 718672.

Christian Aid: 14+ will be holding their third Quizaid on Saturday 11th September in Church House starting at 19:00. Teams of six are invited and let's see if a team from Welwyn can actually win this time! We are changing the format yet again and this time instead of asking for £30 per table as an entry fee we shall be asking you for your donations during the interval when we hope to serve light refreshments (not a substitute for an evening meal!). There will be games of chance for the odd prize and a raffle for a round of golf at Mid-Herts and a bottle of wine.

Next Sunday, 12th September, is the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Stephen Fielding will preside and preach. Evensong will be at 6.30pm in St Mary's led by Usha Hull.

Pet Service

Sunday 12th September at 11.15am
St Michael's Churchyard
(in the Church if wet)

The next meeting of the Church Women's Fellowship is on Tuesday 14th September at 2.30pm. There will be a Church service in St Mary's led by the Revd Guy Bustard followed by refreshments.

The Carers' Group

will meet in St Mary's New Church House
on Thursday 16th September at 12 noon.

After Lunch Merle Rook will speak
about her diaries

All carers welcome

Time for God Group: The next meeting is on Friday, 16th July, at 9.30am at 23 Bluebells. All welcome. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 718732.

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.

A warm invitation is extended to the congregation of St Mary's to attend the forthcoming Institution of Rev'd Dr David Munchin as Team Rector of the Welwyn Team Ministry. This will take place at 8.00 pm on Monday 27th September and will be conducted by the Bishop of St Albans. Further details are on the pillar as you enter the church and we would be very grateful if you would sign-up by 13th September if you intend to come, to help us with planning for this very important date in our diary. David's first service at St Mary's will be on Sunday 3rd October at 8am Holy Communion followed by our Harvest Festival at 9.30am.