

My son-in-law, *Chris Clements*, has been on our prayer list, since the New Year when he sustained serious burns on his face and hands when a candle ignited a Christmas tree. His care from the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital has been excellent and he now wears a mask designed to compress and hopefully limit scarring. He has made huge progress. Chris and Hilary are moving to Washington, to further their careers and continue their Christian journey together, and it seems an appropriate time for me to say “thank you” for your prayers and support. (Barbara Spencer)

Photos: We are trying to put together a photo album on the web of Church activities. Have you any photos that you would like to share, of events from St Mary's or the Welwyn Team from the last 2 years? If so please email them to michael.reddish@welwyn.org.uk, or talk to a Churchwarden. Thank you.

Weekday Services

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	5.00pm	<i>Evening Prayer at Tewin</i>
Wednesday	9.30am 1.30pm	Holy Communion Service of celebration for David Gregory
Thursday	5.00pm	<i>Evening Prayer at Datchworth</i>
Friday	10.00am	<i>Holy Communion at St Michael's</i>
Saturday	9.00am	Prayers for the life of the Parish and healing



For your Prayers

The Residents of: Mimram Road; Orchard Road; Parkside

The Sick: Muriel Taylor; Yim Lon Chong; Connie Udale; Sophie Washington; Dawn Tilley; Derek Haslam; Bryan Tipping; Peter Brooks; Ann Gurney; Benjamin Gardner

Those who have died recently: David Gregory; Fred Creasy

This week please pray for:

Our Choir & Organist
Our churchwardens, Mike & Jane and deputy Wardens Rod & John
All Saints, Datchworth Music & Flower Festival
Our local doctors, nurses and careworkers
Mary Gregory and her family
Alan and his family as they prepare for Alan to take up his new post as Bishop of Thetford
The coming Bishop of St Albans the Rt Revd Alan Smith

Next week's readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

**Sunday 23rd August
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

We 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: 453 'Stand up, stand up for Jesus'

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18
(Read by Mike Cooper)

Second Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20
(Read by Peter Lee)

Gradual Hymn: 'When a knight won his spurs'
1. When a knight won his spurs, in the stories of old, he was gentle and brave, he was gallant and bold; with a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand, for God and for valour he rode through the land.

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2. No charger have I, and no sword by my side,
yet still to adventure and battle I ride,
though back into storyland giants have fled,
and the knights are no more and the dragons are dead.

3. Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed
'gainst the dragons of anger, the ogres of greed;
and let me set free, with the sword of my youth,
from the castle of darkness, the pow'r of truth.

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

Offertory Hymn: 449 'Soldiers of Christ arise'
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

Communion Hymn: 311
'We pray thee heavenly Father'

Final Hymn: 433 'O worship the King'
(omit vv 4&5)

 Notices 

Summer Sunday Evensongs: Our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs continues with this evening's Service at St Mary's, Welwyn led by Usha Hull. The services will start at 6.30pm and the theme is **'The Psalms'**

Sunday 23rd Aug - Welwyn - Usha Hull
Sunday 30th Aug – Datchworth - Stephen Fielding
Sunday 6th Sept – Woolmer Green - Diane Whittaker
Sunday 13th Sept – Ayot - Mick Simmons

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

David Gregory: Sadly David died in hospital on Friday 7th August following surgery. There will be a private funeral at Harwood Park (family only) on **Wednesday 26th August**, followed by a service in St Mary's at 1.30pm to **celebrate David's life**. Mary and the family invite you to join them for some refreshments in New Church House after the service. There will be a collection in aid of the Woodland Trust Heartwood Forest Appeal and Christian Aid.

Next Sunday, 30th August, is the **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**. Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Alan Winton will preside and preach. Our series of Summer Evensongs continues at All Saints, Datchworth at 6.30pm led by Stephen Fielding.

Rectory Garden Tea Party -Sunday 30th August.
On our last working day in Welwyn we would like to extend a warm invitation to afternoon tea at the Rectory from 3.30 till 5.00pm to any who wish to join us. (If the weather is wet, we will transfer down to New Church House) Alan & Pippa Winton

Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust –Sponsored Bike & Hike. Saturday 12th September will be a lovely day for one day only! Not only will the weather be kind, but many delightful churches and chapels which are usually locked will be open and offer the opportunity to see inside. Not only are they open but there will be a warm welcome, cool refreshment and someone to sign your form. The nice thing is that it doesn't have to be a challenge to the leg muscles – only to your powers of persuasion when getting friends to sponsor you. You can also be sponsored to sit in the church providing refreshments to weary travellers and signing their forms. You need to obtain sponsorship for this too. So even if you are not taking part please sponsor someone who is. **Please ask us for the appropriate form and list of churches now. Jenny & Tom Davidson.**

Date for your diary: Harvest Supper Saturday evening October 3rd. Woolmer Green Village Hall
Hog Roast with salads (vegetarian alternative)
Barn Dance with caller. More details later.

The next Ladies' Lunch will take place on Saturday 10th October: We are very pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be **Revd Richard Syms**, an anglican minister at All Saints' Datchworth a few years ago who also happens to be an accomplished television and stage actor. **'Dressing up and Talking Loudly'** is the title of this talk so Richard will be telling us about combining those two very distinctive and demanding careers. He came to deliver this talk to the Men's Breakfast some time ago and it proved very successful indeed. Tickets @ £8.00 will go on sale on Sunday 30th August and every Sunday thereafter until Sunday 28th September, immediately after the 9.30 morning service, and can be purchased from Vickie Harris, Mavis Francis, Diane Howes and Marie-France Rowland **from NCH only**. We're sorry tickets cannot be reserved or refunded. Strictly for those who have not managed to buy a ticket in time, we'll operate a waiting list whereby they will be notified about a cancellation or will be offered the possibility to come and listen to the talk only which would then take place in church in return for a small donation to the church funds. We do hope to see many of you at what sounds like a promising event.

Swine Flu Precautions: We are continuing to follow the recommendations of the Archbishops and for the time being we have suspended the administration of the Chalice at Communion. Instead the wafers will be intincted with the wine and will then be placed in the hands of the recipients. In this way we will continue to receive communion in both kinds. If anyone has any queries or concerns please speak to one of the Clergy. It is, of course, important that we all continue to pay attention to good standards of hygiene when at church: washing hands, sneezing into a handkerchief etc... Thank you for your co-operation. The Rector.