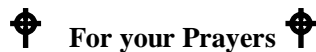


The next Ladies' Lunch will take place on Saturday 10th October: We are very pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be **Revd Richard Syms**, an anglican minister at All Saints' Datchworth a few years ago who also happens to be an accomplished television and stage actor. **'Dressing up and Talking Loudly'** is the title of his 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 this morning and every Sunday 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.

Whitechapel Mission Giving Basket: We will be placing a basket in church next Sunday, 6th September, and on the first Sunday of every month for donations of clothing and toiletries for the Whitechapel Mission. It will be placed in front of the right-hand pillar as you enter the church. Please bring your donations and drop them in the basket on the way to your pew.

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.

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



The Residents of: New Road; Oak Road; Strawplaiters Close, Woolmer Green

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:

The Family Service

The Pram Service

Our sacristan, servers and chalice assistants

The Whitechapel Mission

Alan and his family as they prepare for Alan to take up his new post as Bishop of Thetford

St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn Garden City

The coming Bishop of St Albans the Rt Revd Alan Smith

Next week's readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37

St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

Sunday 30th August
The Twelfth 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.

Today is Alan's last working day in the Parish. He has achieved a tremendous amount in his time here and we thank him for all that he has done and for his ministry and friendship. We shall miss him and the whole family enormously but we rejoice with him in his richly-deserved appointment as Bishop of Thetford and our love and prayers for this next exciting stage of his ministry go with him and with Pippa.

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 and everlasting God
you are always more ready to hear than we to
pray
and to give more than either we desire or
deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your
mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation of
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

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Opening Hymn: 52
‘O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!’

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9
(Read by Reg Taylor)

Second Reading: James 1: 17-27
(Read by Valerie Turner)

Gradual Hymn: 285 ‘For the beauty of the earth’

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Offertory Hymn: ‘Brother, sister let me serve you’
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

1) Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2) We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3) I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4) I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we’ve seen this journey through.

5) When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we’ve known together
of Christ’s love and agony.

6) Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

During Communion the Choir will sing ‘Ubi Caritas’ - Duruflé.

Communion Hymn: ‘In heavenly love abiding’

1. In heav’nly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid,
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh
and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o’er me,
where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free,
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Final Hymn: 381 ‘Jerusalem the golden’

Doxology- sung by the Choir
‘Song 47 - A song of joy’ - Orlando Gibbons



Rectory Garden Tea Party –this afternoon. 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

Summer Sunday Evensongs: Our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs continues with this evening’s service at All Saints, Datchworth led by Stephen Fielding. The services will start at 6.30pm and the theme is **‘The Psalms’**

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.

The next meeting of the **Mothers’ Union** will be on Tuesday 1st September at 2.00pm in St Michael’s Church Vestry. Mrs Althea Hayton will give a talk entitled ‘The Spiritual Journey’ - walking the pilgrim way to Santiago de Compostela

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 2nd September at 2pm in St Mary’s. All pre-school children and their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

Next Sunday, 6th September, is the **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**. Coralie McCluskey will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Coralie McCluskey will preside and preach. There will be a Family Service at 11.15am led by Catherine Jupp. Our series of Summer Evensongs continues at St Michael’s, Woolmer Green at 6.30pm led by Diane Whittaker.

<p>Family Service Theme—’ New Beginnings’ next Sunday, 6th September in St Mary’s led by Catherine Jupp All welcome</p>

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