

The next meeting of *The Church Women's Fellowship* is on Tuesday 13th October at 2.30pm in New Church House. Miss Renate Kempe will give a talk entitled 'Convent– My Life as a Nun'.

**To all Our Carers:** The next Carers' Lunch will be on Thursday 15th October at 12 noon for 12.30pm. If you or a friend regularly attend or would like to do so, we would be grateful if you could advise the Church Secretary, Philippa Dowdell, on 01438 840 964 by Tuesday 13th October before 12 noon. This will help us to plan and budget more efficiently. You are assured of a very warm welcome to share this pleasant social occasion and to enjoy a brief respite. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Time for God Group:** The next meeting is on Friday 16th October from 9.30 –11am at 23 Bluebells. All welcome. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 718732.

#### Weekday Services

Monday	9.00am	Tenterfield Nursery Harvest Festival
Tuesday	9.30am 5.00pm	St Mary's School Harvest Festival <i>Evening Prayer at Tewin</i>
Wednesday	9.30am 2.00pm	Holy Communion Pram Service
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:** Kimpton Road; Beecholme; Reynards Road

**The Sick:** Muriel Taylor; Yim Lon Chong; Connie Udale; Sophie Washington; Dawn Tilley; Derek Haslam; Bryan Tipping; Peter Brooks; Ann Gurney; Benjamin Gardner; Lynda Corry; Tony Knappett; Daisy Cooper; Anthony Munn

**Those who have died recently:** John Kenney

#### This week please pray for:

The Whitechapel Mission  
The Mothers' Union  
The Pram Service  
The Ladies Lunch  
The Welwyn Community Café opening in New Church House in November  
Alan and his family as they prepare for Alan to take up his new post as Bishop of Thetford  
The new Bishop of St Albans the Rt Revd Alan Smith

**Next week's readings:** Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31

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St Mary the Virgin,  
Welwyn

### Sunday 4th October Harvest Festival

We welcome everyone to our **Harvest Festival** and we thank God for his gifts to us in creation.

Our gifts this year will be given to the **Whitechapel Mission** which provides help for the homeless in the East End of London.

The collection at this service will go to the **Bishop's Harvest Appeal** in support of Water Action, a project to supply safe and clean water to some 55,000 people in Ethiopia. Thanks to EU matching funding, every pound given will be quadrupled. So please give generously, and help provide water for life.  
*(Please remember to gift aid your donation using the envelopes provided)*

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.

*Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Opening Hymn: 259**  
**'Come, ye thankful people come'**

**First Reading: Joel 2: 21-27** (Read by Michael Clarke)

**Gradual Hymn:**

**‘Think of a world without any flowers’**

1) Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a world without any trees,  
think of a sky without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.  
We thank you, Lord, for flow’rs and trees and  
sunshine,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

2) Think of a world without any animals,  
think of a field without any herd,  
think of a stream without any fishes,  
think of a dawn without any bird.  
We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

3) Think of a world without any people,  
think of a street with no-one living there,  
think of a town without any houses,  
no-one to love and nobody to care.  
We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

**Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33**

**Our prayers are led by children from our Junior Church Groups**

**Offertory Hymn:**

**‘Who put the colours in the rainbow’**

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

1. Who put the colours in the rainbow?  
Who put the salt into the sea?  
Who put cold into the snowflake?  
Who made you and me?  
Who put the hump upon the camel?  
Who put the neck on the giraffe?  
Who put the tail upon the monkey?  
Who made hyenas laugh?  
Who made whales and snails and quails?  
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?  
Who made bats and cats and rats?  
Who made ev’rything?

2. Who put the gold into the sunshine?  
Who put the sparkle in the stars?  
Who put the silver in the moonlight?  
Who made Earth and Mars?  
Who put the scent into the roses?  
Who taught the honey-bee to dance?  
Who put the tree inside the acorn?  
It surely can’t be chance!  
Who made seas and leaves and trees?  
Who made snow and winds that blow?  
Who made streams and rivers flow?  
God made all of these!

During Communion the Choir will sing **‘All things bright and beautiful’** - John Rutter

**Communion Hymn: ‘Praise and thanksgiving’**

1. Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer,  
for all things living you have made good;  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2. Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve  
you,  
that with our neighbour we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you;  
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

3. Father, providing food for your children,  
your wisdom guiding teaches us share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing,  
sister and brother may know your care.

4. Then will your blessing reach ev’ry people;  
each one confessing your gracious hand:  
where you are reigning no one will hunger,  
your love sustaining fruitful the land.

**Final Hymn: 262**

**‘We plough the fields and scatter’**

**Notices**

There will be a service of *Evensong* this evening at 6.30pm in St Peter’s, Tewin led by Usha Hull.

The next meeting of the *Mothers’ Union* is on Tuesday 6th October at 2pm in St Michael’s Vestry when Mrs Janet Daniels will give a talk entitled ‘Family Life in Gambia’.

The next *Pram Service* will be on Wednesday 7th October at 2pm in St Mary’s. All pre-school children and their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

*Ladies Lunch Saturday 10th October:* We have sold out of all our tickets for this event. However the talk - *‘Dressing up and Talking Loudly’*, by **Revd Richard Syms**, an anglican minister at All Saints' Datchworth a few years ago, who also happens to be an accomplished television stage actor, will be held in church, at 12.30pm prompt, for anyone who would like to come along and listen. Donations to St Mary’s. If you wish to put your name on a waiting list for any cancellations for the lunch please contact Marie-France Rowland on 01438 812560 or Mavis Francis on 01438 714302.

Next Sunday, 11th October, is the *Eighteenth Sunday*

<p>A Concert by the <b>The Camerata Orchestra</b> Conductor Robert Gould <b>in St Peter's Church Tewin</b> on Saturday 10th October at 8pm Entrance free with retiring collection for <b>St Peter's</b></p>
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*after Trinity.* Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Diane Whittaker will preside and Catherine Jupp will preach. Evensong will be at 6.30pm in St Mary’s, led by Stephen Fielding.