

**Harvest Festival:** We will be decorating the church for Harvest Festival at 10.00 am on Saturday 3rd October. This is always a joyful occasion. If you would like to help, please contact Dilys Manoy to let her know on 01438 715720 or dilmanoy@yahoo.co.uk

**Date for your diary:** Harvest Supper Saturday evening 3rd October at 7pm in Woolmer Green Village Hall; Hog Roast with salads (vegetarian alternative). Barn Dance with caller. Tickets available after this service from Philip & Ann Mawer, Pat Brooks, Vickie Harris and Chris & Joyce Lund and from the Church Office during normal opening hours.

**Ladies Lunch Saturday 10th October:** We have sold out of all our tickets for this event. If you wish to put your name on a waiting list for any cancellations please contact Marie-France Rowland on 01438 812560 or Mavis Francis on 01438 714302.

**Men's Breakfast, Saturday 26th September,  
St Mary's New Church House  
8.00 for 8.15 am**

The speaker will be **Tony Miller**,  
Director of the Whitechapel Mission

**Admission is by ticket only**, £5 in advance (up to 23<sup>rd</sup> September), on sale in St Mary's, (Michael Harris or James Finlay) and from the Danesbury Charity Shop and St Mary's Church Office. Buy your ticket early; there is a limit on the number of seats available.

**David Gregory:** Mary, Jonathan, Frances, Lloyd and Chris would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and loving support we received, both during David's short illness and following his sudden death. The love shown to us has been wonderful, both in the messages you sent and in all the practical contributions which went into making the service of celebration of and thanks for David's life so special. Thank you, all.

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

**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 Residents of:** Holly Bush Close; Pine Crest; Leonards Close

**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 Church Women's Fellowship  
Our Clergy, Coralie, Diane and Stephen  
Our church cleaners & coffee makers  
The members and work of the Fellowship Action Group  
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:** Isaiah 50: 4-9a;  
James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38

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St Mary the Virgin,  
Welwyn

**Sunday 6th September  
The Thirteenth 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.

*Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your  
love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you:  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

**Opening Hymn: 334**

**'All people that on earth do dwell'**

**First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

(Read by Philippa Dowdell)

**Second Reading: James 2: 1-10, 14-17**

(Read by Audrey Taylor)

**Gradual Hymn: 353**

**'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'**

**Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37**

### Offertory Hymn:

**'The kingdom of God is justice and joy'**

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

1) The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2) The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened in place of despair.

3) The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4) God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

During Communion the Choir will sing **'Lord for thy tender mercies sake'** - Farrant.

### Communion Hymn: 376

**'I heard the voice of Jesus say'**

**Final Hymn: 415 'O for a thousand tongues to sing'**

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**Summer Sunday Evensongs:** Our series of Summer

#### Family Service

Theme—' **New Beginnings**'  
at 11am after this service  
in **St Mary's New Church House**  
led by Catherine Jupp  
All welcome

Sunday Evensongs continues with this evening's service at St Michael's, Woolmer Green led by Diane Whittaker. The last service in this series will be next Sunday at Ayot St Peter led by Mick Simmons. The services will start at 6.30pm and the theme is **'The Psalms'**. 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 Church Women's Fellowship** meets on Tuesday 8th September at 2.30pm in St Mary's for a service led by Diane Whittaker.

**St Mary's Walking Group - Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Saturday 12th September:** There is a walk planned, taking in the team churches. We will meet at St Mary's at 10am leaving for Tewin at 10.15am – lunch in a pub. From there we visit Datchworth, Woolmer Green and back to Welwyn. This is a circular walk of about 10 miles. We have found it difficult to include Ayot St. Peter in a circular route but you could always start from there and join us at St Mary's. Please let us know if you would like to join us Tony & Sue Keach - 716657, Tom & Jenny Davidson - 718672.

Next Sunday, 13th September, is the **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**. Coralie McCluskey will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion at 9.30am. Diane Whittaker will preside and Usha Hull will preach. The last of our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs will be at St Peter's, Ayot St Peter at 6.30pm and will be led by Mick Simmons.

**Alan's leaving 'card'** will be available for you to sign in Church House after the 9.30 am service today, and in church weekday mornings until 25th September when the collection for his gift will also close. There will be plenty of space for you to write messages if you wish. We will be presenting this, together with the cope and mitre, to Alan at his leaving celebration which will take place in St Mary's Church at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 29th September. If you plan to attend but have not yet signed up on the board in church, please do so as soon as possible. The arrangements for the coach to St Paul's Cathedral will be communicated by no later than 20th September.

#### The Carers' Group

will meet in St Mary's New Church House on Thursday 17th September at 12noon

Lunch will be followed by a talk by Vickie Harris on her work as a guide at Hatfield House

All carers welcome

**Time for God Group:** The next meeting is on Friday 18th September from 9.30 – 11am at 23 Bluebells. All welcome. For more details contact Margot Kenworthy on 718732

**St Peter's, Tewin Harvest Celebration Weekend - Saturday 19th September:** Harvest Display and Flowers in the Church; Church and Churchyard Tours 10-12.am. 'Music for a September Evening' - Concert by Singers from the Royal Academy of Music 7pm (Tickets £10, £25 (2 adults, 2 Children).

**Sunday 20th September:** Harvest Service 11am; Teas, BBQ and various activities from 2-4pm. Tickets for the concert and more information available from the Church Office.