

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 and 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.

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 and Ann Mawer, Pat Brooks, Vickie Harris and Chris and Joyce Lund and from the Church Office during normal opening hours.

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.

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

Welwyn—The Mysteries 2010

Be part of this exciting venture. A read-through of the plays will take place on 30th September and 7th October at 8pm in New Church House. For more details contact: Keith Thompson, 01438 840553, Usha Hull, 01438 813974 Or the Church Office, 01438 840964 -weekdays 10-12noon



The Residents of: Glebe Road; Wingate Gardens; Ellesfield

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; Jamie Frost; Beat Hayward; Marjorie Stewart; Ronald Raynor; Margery Chatwin Kathleen Elizabeth Jupp

This week please pray for:

The Pram Service
The Carer's Group
The Time for God Group
The wedding on Friday—Joseph & Elizabeth
The Harvest Celebrations at Ayot and Tewin
Our churchwardens Jane and Mike and deputy wardens Rod & John
The members and work of the Youth 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: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37

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

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St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

Sunday 13th September The Fourteenth 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,
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: 338 'At the name of Jesus'

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a
(Read by Sandy Walkington)

Second Reading: James 3: 1-12
(Read by Francesca Walkington)

Gradual Hymn: 76
'Take up thy cross the Saviour said'
(omit vv 3 & 4)

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38

Offertory Hymn: 339

‘Be thou my vision ,O Lord of my heart’

(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing **‘God be in my head’** - H. Walford Davies.

Communion Hymn: ‘Take my life and let it be’

1) Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2) Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3) Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4) Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev’ry power as thou shalt choose.

5) Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6) Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Final Hymn: 486 ‘We have a gospel to proclaim’

Notices

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.

Summer Sunday Evensongs: Our series of Summer Sunday Evensongs concludes with this evening's service at St Peter's, Ayot St Peter led by Mick Simmons. It is St Peter's Harvest Festival this weekend and this is a wonderful opportunity to see the church beautifully decorated for Harvest.

The next **Pram Service** will be on Wednesday 16th September at 2pm in St Mary's. All pre-school children and their parents and carers welcome at this relaxed informal service.

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.

Next Sunday, 20th September, is the **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**. Diane Whittaker will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Parish Communion with Holy Baptism at 9.30am. Diane Whittaker will preside and preach. There will be a Choral Evensong for Harvest at St Peter's, Tewin at 6.30pm led by Coralie McCluskey.

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 23rd 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.

Alan's Consecration: We have now filled the three coaches going to St Paul's Cathedral on 29th September. The return fare is £7.50 per person. If you have signed up to go by coach, please let the churchwardens have a sealed envelope containing the right money with the names of the passengers on the outside - or drop this into the office on weekday mornings. Cheques should be made payable to 'Welwyn PCC'. Details concerning the coach departure point and time will be communicated by no later than 20th September.

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