

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.

Historic Churches Sponsored Bike and Hike:

A reminder to those who walked or cycled - please collect your sponsorship money and give it to Tom and Jenny Davidson as soon as possible.

Weekday Services

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	6.00pm	Leaving Party for Alan
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
Friday	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Michael's
Saturday	9.00am	Prayers for the life of the Parish and healing



For your Prayers



The Residents of: The Avenue; Avenue Court; Bluebells

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

Those who have died recently: Jamie Frost; Beat Hayward; Marjorie Stewart; Ronald Raynor; Margery Chatwin; Kathleen Elizabeth Jupp; John Kenney

This week please pray for:

Our Church Bell Ringers
The congregation of St Michael's, Woolmer Green
The weekly Fairtrade Stall
The Liturgical Drama Group
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: Joel 2: 21-27; Matthew 6: 25-33

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St Mary the Virgin,
Welwyn

**Sunday 27th September
The Sixteenth 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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully
to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both
perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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: 436
'Praise my soul the King of heaven'

First Reading: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29
(Read by Anne Symonds)

Second Reading: James 5: 13-20
(Read by Richard Symonds)

Gradual Hymn: 357
'Father hear the prayer we offer'

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50

Offertory Hymn: 467

‘Through all the changing scenes of life’
(During this hymn a collection will be taken)

During Communion the Choir will sing **‘Hear O my Lord’** - Barry Rose

Communion Hymn: ‘God forgave my sin’

1) God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name.
I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name.
And in Jesus’ name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said ‘Freely, freely
you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name
and because you believe,
others will know that I live.*

2) All pow’r is given in Jesus’ name,
in earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name.
And in Jesus’ name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

3) God gives us life in Jesus’ name,
he lives in us in Jesus’ name.
And in Jesus’ name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to.

Final Hymn: 368

‘Guide me O thou great Redeemer’



There will be a service of Evensong this evening at 6.30pm in St Mary’s led by Mick Simmons.

Alan’s Leaving Celebration will take place on Tuesday, 29th September, at 6.00pm in St Mary’s. The bells will be rung prior to this. A series of musical and other tributes to Alan will finish by 7.15pm, including the presentation of his Cope and Mitre. Following this there will be a finger buffet and refreshments for everyone. Although it is a school evening please do feel free to bring children if you can.. We are asking people for a voluntary donation of £5 per adult on the evening to help cover the food costs. If you have not yet signed the list to say you are coming to the leaving party please do so.

Alan’s Consecration: We have now filled the three coaches going to St Paul’s Cathedral on Tuesday, 29th September. The return fare is £7.50 per person. If you have signed up to go by coach and have not yet paid, please let the churchwardens have a sealed envelope containing the right money with the names of the passengers on the outside **this morning**- or drop this into the office **tomorrow morning**. Cheques should be made payable to 'Welwyn PCC'. Please check on the pew at the crossing if you have not yet received details of the arrangements for Tuesday. Contacts on the day Jane Carr 0770 940186; Mike Reddish 07948 260743.

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 or Usha Hull 01438 813974 or the Church Office 01438 840964 - weekdays 10-12noon.

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

Harvest Supper Saturday evening 3rd October at 7pm in Woolmer Green Village Hall; Hog Roast with salads (vegetarian alternative). Barn Dance with caller. There are still tickets available Tickets available after this service from Vickie Harris and Chris and Joyce Lund and from the Church Office during normal opening

Next Sunday, 4th October, is our **Harvest Festival**. Stephen Fielding will preside at Holy Communion at 8am. There will be Family Communion at 9.30am. Stephen Fielding will preside and preach. Evensong will be at 6.30pm in St Peter’s, Tewin led by Usha Hull The next meeting of the **Mothers’ Union** is on Tuesday

Family Communion for Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th October at 9.30am in St Mary’s

All welcome

The collection at this service will go to the **Bishop’s Harvest Appeal**

This year’s appeal is 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.

Our Harvest Gifts this year will be given to the Whitechapel Mission

A full list of the most useful donations is available by the south door.

6th October at 2pm in St Michael’s Vestry when Mrs Janet Daniels will give a talk entitled ‘Family Life in Gambia’.

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.