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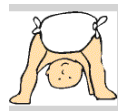
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- *All other St Mary's contacts can be found on the printed list at the back of church*



St Mary's, through its **Charitable Giving Group**, supports AquAid Lifeline Fund's **Philip Veale Children's Centre** in Malawi caring for over 150 orphans in Gomani. AquAid can provide a whole month's child care for just £7. Ask Robin Sternberg ☎ 684588 for more details, or look on the Church House noticeboard.



All communicant members of the Christian Church are welcome to receive the bread and the wine at a celebration of Holy Communion. Others are welcome at the altar rail to receive a blessing. If you wish for a blessing please ask.



For very young churchgoers: Please feel free to be in church during the services, but if you feel very distressed the choir vestry (at the back of church) also doubles as the "early years gurgling room". In there you will find a cabinet of toys. The room has glass doors so that you and your parents can see and hear services, but it also has an environment where you can feel at ease to be yourself and gurgle away.

Details of future notices are needed by Wednesday and should be sent ideally by email to home@tracyandrobart.net or left in the "Bulletin Editor" pigeon hole at Church House.

The "e-bulletin If you wish to be included in the email distribution of this bulletin, please send an email as above. Tracy Watson

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St Mary's Church Hitchin, Hertfordshire



www.stmaryshitchin.org.uk

The Fourth Sunday of Easter 29th April 2012

Welcome to St Mary's. If you are a newcomer please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or fill in and hand to one of us the detachable section of our new Welcome Bookmark. Do come and join us for coffee in Church House (opposite the North Door) after the 9.35am service.

The Collect
Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above, Amen

8.00am – Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Michael Roden

9.35am – Sung Communion

President:	The Revd Michael Roden
Preacher:	The Rev Canon Brian Mountford, <i>Vicar of The University Church, Oxford</i>
Setting:	Rutter
Processional Hymn:	126 The King of love, my shepherd is – Dominus regit me
Lesson Readings:	Acts 4:5-12, <i>read by Judith Pritchard</i> 1 John 3:16-end <i>read by Leslie Mustoe</i>
Gradual:	Psalms 23 (see page 4)
Gospel:	John 10:11-18
Prayers are led by:	Trevor Groom
Offertory Hymn:	265 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray – Song 1
Anthem:	The Lord is my Shepherd – SS Wesley (Words Psalm 23)
Communion Hymn:	Faithful Shepherd, feed me - Pastororum (see page 4)
Recessional Hymn:	192 Praise my soul, the King of heaven – Praise my soul <i>Please take your bulletin home</i>

11.15am – Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher: The Revd Fizz Gibbs
Introit: **126** The King of love, my shepherd is – Dominus regit me
Offertory Hymn: Faithful Shepherd, feed me - Pastor pastorum (see page 4)
Final Hymn: **192** Praise my soul, the King of heaven – Praise my soul

3.30pm - Baptism

6:30pm – Evensong

Officiant & Preacher : The Revd Michael Roden
Processional Hymn **161** Christ is our cornerstone - Harewood
Responses: Ferial
Psalm: 81:8-16 (chant below)
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:4-15 *read by Trevor Groom*
Office Hymn: **122** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – St Peter
Canticles: Chants below
New Testament Lesson: Revelation 2:12-17
Anthem: And I saw another angel - Stanford (text Revelations 7:2-3,9-10,12)
Hymn: **111** The Lord, my pasture shall prepare - Surrey
Offertory Hymn: **234** Thine for ever, God of love - Newington

Evensong Chants

Psalm 81:8-16

William Crotch



Magnificat

John Goss



Nunc Dimittis

Heathcote Statham



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17th May Wives' Group Outing

19th May 7.30pm **Christian Aid Quiz Night** A fish/sausage & chip supper or vegetarian option is on offer. Tickets £8.50, no food £4.00. Teams of 6-8 welcomed. For tickets contact Pauline Edwards on 01462 435438 or Sue Covington on 01462 452985 or suecov45@yahoo.co.uk

25th May 2.30pm **Mothers' Union "Afternoon of poems"** at 17, The Chilterns

31st May 12 noon- 4.00pm **Ageing Voices Ever Singing** at The Sun Hotel & St Mary's. Lunch at 12 noon, Workshop 2-4pm. It will be directed by Rufus Frowde, Organist & Assistant Director of Music at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. The event is aimed at the more mature singer, & arranged to coincide with the Golden Years menu, with 2 courses for £5.25 for pensioners at the Sun Hotel, on Thursdays. The workshop will take place in the church from 2.00-4.00pm & will cover a variety of interesting & relevant topics. The fee payable is £10 per singer, including lunch. The closing date is Monday 7th May Please book online at www.rscm-stalbans.co.uk. If you are interested in this event, but do not have internet access, please contact Helen Gimson, who will be able to pass on your details.



Notices

The pulpit flowers are given today by Andrew and Anne Cowley for the glory of God and on the occasion of their first wedding anniversary

Collectors needed for Christian Aid Week. Area leaders are short of people to distribute and collect envelopes in the house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week (13th-19th May). If anyone can help out please contact David Norman on 01462 434778 or at annwheels@btinternet.com

Prayer lists Any alterations to the prayer lists between now and 20th May should be sent to Tracy Watson home@tracyandrobert.net, or pigeon hole in Church House. After this time please revert to sending alterations to Pauline Sadler, as usual.

PHASE has moved offices!! Our new address is PHASE, Silverbirch Centre, Bedford Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1HF

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10 th May 8.00pm Mothers' Union "Wisdom" by Margaret Cramphorn in Church House
12 th May 9.15am-2.00pm Choir Fundraising Day in Church House. Light refreshments, including our now legendary homemade soups, will be available, together with a range of stalls and activities. Any donations of books, bric-a-brac and especially of cakes would be most welcome. Please leave these in the vestry or bring along to Church House on the day. More important to us however is your support on the day. Please do join us to help fund the ongoing development of the choir. For more information please contact Sara Cranfield 01462 459567.
12 th May World Fairtrade Day Hitchin Event in the Market Square. Chef James from the Radcliffe Arms will be cooking a lunch using Fairtrade ingredients ready for 12noon. Fairtrade stalls & entertainment. Further information Helen Richardson 435595 helenwrich@btinternet.com . Do join us!
12 th May 7.30 p.m. Hitchin Symphony Orchestra Concert in Church. Conductor: Paul Adrian Rooke, Leader: Janet Hicks. The programme will include Mendelssohn's Overture: The Hebrides ('Fingal's Cave') & Symphony No.3 in A minor, Finzi Violin Concerto (Soloist: Shulah Oliver). Tickets are available by telephone from 01462 458614 or from Hitchin Town Centre Initiative (01462 453335) Adults: £14 (concessions: £11; under 16: £3) Advance tickets £12 (concessions: £10) if bought by Wednesday 9th May.
13 th -19 th May Christian Aid Week . A door to door collection is made around Hitchin & a few villages. This year the focus is on agriculture & tools for Sierra Leone. The Government has just announced that if Christian Aid can raise £2 million they will match it pound for pound. Please do your best to enable this amount to be collected.
13 th May Beating the Bounds of the Preston Parish . This year's Parish Rogation walk will follow the route of the Preston boundary. The walk covers approximately 12 miles of beautiful Hertfordshire countryside & includes a shorter route for those who prefer. We will all be starting at the Red Lion in Preston at 11.30 & there will be opportunities to stop on route, including a picnic lunch at Hitch Wood. Further details will be provided nearer the time, but in the meantime, please mark your diaries – this is one not to miss! For further information, please contact Michael Woodward, 07909 921674
17 th May 7.30am Ascension Day Tower Service followed by breakfast in Church House.
17 th May 8.00pm tbc Holy Saviour Patronal Festival

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Prayers for people

We pray for all those who are to be married, including: Melissa Pointing & Daniel Roberts; Gaynor Stevenson & Steven Dawson

We pray for all who are ill, and by name for: John, Lisa Jane Dodd, Eunice Crowther, Grace Palmer, Jean Scott, Angela McNally, Paul Rushby, John Toll ...**and we pray for all those who love and care for them.**

We pray for these church members at home: Ruby Gilbey, Eileen McLeod, Beryl Mallett, Daphne Merritt, Cynthia & Harry Myers, Jean & Sheila Pay, Peg Saunders, Margaret Tait ...**and we pray for all those who love and care for them.**

We pray too for those we know to be homeless.

We also pray for: Alison Alexander, Ann, Alan Bailey, Betty Baxter, Marian Boulton, Mark Boulton, Paul Bridges, Phyllis Briggs, Michael C, Elaine Constantine, David Cook, John Coxall, Philip Cundell, Jean Fairweather, Michael Fisher, Jenny Hall, Myrtle Harring, Alice Hazelwood, Brian Huntley, Jill, Brian Jones, Emily Kilby, Brian Limbrick, Alan Lockyer, Lorraine, Yvonne Martin, Mara, Margaret Mason, Sam & Jon McNally, Nora Morecraft, Lindsay Newbery, Agnes Emmanuel Odiachi, Barbara Pearce, Philip, Raymond, Brenda Read, Roy, Pamela Sears, Shalagh, Martin Shelbourn, Bill Shinn, Norman Shinkins, Graham & Mabel Simms, Julia Stocker, Sue Stratton, Sue, Kevin Thornhill, Michael Watts, Monica & Brian Weekes ...**and we pray for all those who love and care for them.**

We remember before God those who have died: Dorreen Peacock, John Burges, Harry Myers, Aidan Lawes, Wendy Lambert, Phyllis May, ...**and we also pray for those who mourn.**

Prayers for the World Church

The Church Mission Society (CMS) through its 'encounter ' programme, is organising trips for its UK supporters to experience the challenges the world church faces elsewhere. This summer there are to be short trips to Peru and to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Let us pray for the participants as they 'find their assumptions and values called into question', and pray they may be helped in their discipleship through the experience.

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Psalm 23



The Lord is my shep-herd, there is no-thing I shall want.

Choir: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

All: ***The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.***

Choir: The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

All: ***The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.***

Choir: He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

All: ***The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.***

Choir: You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup will be full.
Surely your goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of
my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All: ***The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.***

Sung Communion Hymn

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

T B Pollock 1836-96
Tune: Pastor Pastorum – F Silcher
(1789-1860)

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Forthcoming Services

Morning Prayer is said daily on weekdays (except Wednesday) at 9.05am

Tuesday 1 st May	10am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Thursday 3 rd May	12.15pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion with laying on of hands for healing
Friday 4 th May	3.00pm	Funeral of Dorreen Peacock RIP at <i>St Faith's Church</i>
Sunday 6 th May <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Storyteller Evensong
Tuesday 8 th May	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th May	12.15pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th May <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am 9:35am 11.15am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Sung Communion Holy Communion (BCP) Choral Evensong

Readings for 6th May

Morning Services: Acts 8:26-end; Psalm 22:25-end; 1 John 4:7-end; John 15:1-8
Evening Service: Psalm 96; Isaiah 60:1-14; Revelation 3:1-13



Future Events

2nd May 7.45pm **The Big Celebration** at Hitchin Christian Centre. An evening of worship, teaching & ministry with special guest speaker, Jeff Lucas.

3rd May 8.00pm **Wives' Group "Snap out of it"** by Christopher and Janet South in Church House

8th May 7.30pm **Brigham Young University Singers** Concert in St Mary's. The singers, from Utah, USA, enjoy worldwide acclaim for their talent and professionalism, and have toured extensively, performing in some of the most prestigious concert venues in the world including Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Sydney Opera House, the Kennedy Center in Washington DC and the Kapella in St Petersburg. Now the 40-voice choir will be performing at St Mary's Church as part of their UK tour culminating in a performance at St Paul's Cathedral, London. Tickets £7.50, available on the door.

8th May 8.00pm **Churches Together in Hitchin Council** at Tilehouse Street Baptist Church - tea/coffee from 7.30pm. The second part of the meeting will be a presentation on care of the elderly by Fiona McArthur-Worbey of Herts Help. All are welcome to both parts of the meeting.

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