



THE PARISH OF LETCHWORTH  
*Living God's Love in the Garden City*

ST MICHAEL'S & ST MARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
*Trinity V | 12-18/07/2020*

**FROM SUNDAY, 12TH JULY  
OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS WILL REOPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.**

**Please inform Fr Robert about your intention to attend  
as the numbers are strictly limited by social distancing.**

The 10.30 Sunday Eucharist will be live streamed on our Facebook Page  
in order to allow those who are not able to attend  
to make their spiritual communion at home.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

(all services marked with \* are livestreamed via our Facebook Page)

12	Sun	<b>THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
		<b>8.15</b>	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		<b>9.00</b>	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		<b>10.30</b>	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL
15	Wed	<i>S. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c. 862</i>	
		<b>9.00</b>	MORNING PRAYER - ST MARY'S
		<b>9.30</b>	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		<b>18.00</b>	ZOOM CAFÉ
16	Thu	<i>S. Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099</i>	
		<b>19.30</b>	PUBLIC COSULTATION BY ZOOM
17	Fr	<i>Feria</i>	
		<b>12.00</b>	MASS* - PARISH HALL
18	Sat	<i>Elizabeth Ferard, first deaconess of the CofE, 1883</i>	
		<b>10.00</b>	ZOOM PRAYER GROUP
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*From this Sunday's Psalm (65)*

'You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water. (...) You crown the year with your  
goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of

## TEXTS OF THE WEEK

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Introit (Ps. 17.15)*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

*The Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Readings*

Isaiah 55.10-13; Ps 65.(1-8), 9-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

**R: To you, O God, shall all flesh come, and you will blot out their sins.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. **Alleluia!**

*Prayer over the Gifts*

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

*Communion Antiphon (Ps 84.4-5)*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

*Post-Communion Prayer*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25;  
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

*Please take this leaflet home with you and use it to keep up to date with what's on in the Parish and to reflect on the readings during the week.*

## WAYS TO WORSHIP AT HOME

**SUNDAYS** via TV, Radio and Internet

- **Sunday Worship** - 8.10 am on BBC Radio 4
- **Songs of Praise** - 1.15 pm on BBC 1
- **CofE National service** - 9am on YouTube. For access follow the link below:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

**FREE PRAYER APPS** for your phone and tablet:

**Daily Prayer App** (Morning, Evening & Night Prayer), **Time to Pray** (Midday & Night Prayer), **Pray as you go** (reflective prayer for each day).

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Of your charity, please pray for:*

- ¶ Our churches of St Michael the Archangel and St Mary the Virgin during this challenging time of discernment and change, especially for the upcoming public consultations on 16th July.
- ¶ Justin, our Archbishop, Alan, Michael, and Richard, our bishops; our sister Churches and ecumenical partners.
- ¶ Those whose ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood have been postponed.
- ¶ The Queen, The Royal Family, HM Government, and all leaders of the nations.
- ¶ All who have been affected by the Coronavirus here and throughout the world.
- ¶ Our communities as lockdown restrictions are being eased.
- ¶ All shielding and in self-isolation, the anxious, the lonely, and the bereaved.
- ¶ Small and family run businesses in our town, the unemployed and the homeless.
- ¶ **In our local community:** Earlsmead, Field Lane, Fouracres, Garth Road, Gernon Road, Gernon Walk, The Glade, Gorst Close, Greenways, High Avenue.
- ¶ **Birthdays:** (14) Joan Pain, (16) Jamie Laing
- ¶ **The Sick:** Ruth Croft, Fr Reginald Rolph, Nick Goddard, Keith Goddard, Joan Pain, Hayley Cutmore, Katie Khan, Jessica Horner, John Howard, Elizabeth Stevens
- ¶ **Recently Departed:** Judith Beese, Hilary Adcock.
- ¶ **Years Mind:** (12) Francis Parfitt, Richard Norman, (13) Rachel Mary Sumner, (14) Greta Winifred Hewitt, (15) Elsie Hewitt, Frederick Rolph, Michael Boulton, (16) Edward Walter, (18) Charles Bell, Neil Fisher
- ✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace; and rise in glory.

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.*

*Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

## NOTICES

**We are now able to reopen our churches for public worship.** Please be aware that **strict social distancing measures have been put in place (2 m apart)** and for now there is no going back to worship as we knew it before the lockdown. We will all need to adjust to a new way of celebrating the Eucharist together. For each service at **St Mary's we will have 6 spaces, and at St Michaels' (Parish Hall) there will be 14.** Because of this we need to ask you to **reserve a place by midday on Saturday** if you plan to attend so that we have an idea of numbers. **Please contact Fr Robert to book a seat.** All services will be very short and there will be no singing. Chairs will be changed and public areas cleaned between services. **Because St Mary's is such a tiny building there will be two services in order to enable more people to attend: at 8.15am and 9am.**

**A Public Consultation by Zoom to discuss the proposals outlined in the document the Parish has received from Bishop Michael will take place on 16th July at 7.30 pm.** Please make every effort to attend. As stated in the document, the proposals are 'for development and thinking - none have been set in stone or confirmed. Everyone is invited to take part, to offer their contribution and to have their say'. Please contact Fr Robert if you have any questions or concerns about the process.

**Zoom Café will now take place on Wednesdays at 6pm.** To join the meeting, please contact Fr Robert for access code.

**Thank you** to all who made very generous and sizable donations to make the parish going. Particular thanks to John Gray for organising an incredibly successful plant sale. When you issue a cheque please make it out to '**Letchworth Parochial Church Council**' and post it to the Rectory, 39 South View, SG6 3JJ. To find out more email our Parish Treasurer, Caroline Hardy ✉ [carolinehardy@ntlworld.com](mailto:carolinehardy@ntlworld.com). Thank you for your continuing support!

If you are self-isolating and need **help with shopping or prescription runs** please get in touch with **Vicki Gage** who is coordinating this for us: ☎ 07748303627 ✉ [vgage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vgage@hotmail.co.uk). **If you would be willing and able to help**, contact Vicki and Fr Robert.

**Letchworth Foodbank shopping list:** shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet rolls, size 5 & 6 nappies. Donations can be dropped off at the collection boxes/trolleys in the following supermarkets at Morrison's and Sainsbury's Local.

**Parish Office** remains closed until further notice.

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