



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

ST MICHAEL'S & ST MARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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OUR DOORS ARE NOW OPEN 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)

19	Sun	THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
		8.15	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		9.00	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		10.30	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL
22	Wed	S. Mary Magdalene	
		9.00	MORNING PRAYER - ST MARY'S
		9.30	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		18.00	ZOOM CAFÉ
24	Fr	<i>Feria</i>	
		12.00	MASS - PARISH HALL <i>Requiem Mass for Judith Beese</i>
25	Sat	S. James, the Apostle	
		10.00	ZOOM PRAYER GROUP
26	Sun	THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
		8.15	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		9.00	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
		10.30	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL

From this Sunday's Second Reading (Romans 8).

'For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.'

TEXTS OF THE WEEK

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Introit (Ps. 54.6,8)

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Readings

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

R: You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. **Alleluia!**

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept we pray, this sacrifice from you faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon (Ps 111.4-5)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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 following the 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:** Highfield, Hillbrow, Hitchin Road, Horace Gay Gardens, Icknield Way, Letchworth Lane, Lytton Avenue, Manor Close.
- ¶ **Wedding Anniversary:** (19) Doug and Sandra Penwright
- ¶ **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:** (20) Louise Gage, Philip Rees-Greville (Bishop), Reginald Landsdown, (22) Bessie Wade, (23) Reginald Benham, (24) Mary Wiseman
- ✠ 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.**

The flowers in St. Michael's have been donated by Sandra and Doug Penwright to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary. We wish Sandra and Doug a wonderful day!

The funeral of Judith Beese will take place on **Monday, at 4 pm at North Hertfordshire Memorial Park and Crematorium in Hitchin.** Please let Fr Robert know if you will be attending. There will be a **requiem Mass for Judith on Friday, 24th, 12pm in the Parish Hall.**

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. 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. 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. **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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