



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

ST MICHAEL'S & ST MARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Trinity XII | 30/08 – 5/09/2020

Please inform the Church Wardens about your intention to attend worship as the numbers are strictly limited by social distancing.

If you are not able to attend worship this Sunday, you are invited to watch the livestreamed Eucharist at 10am from the Abbey and Cathedral Church of St Albans. It can be accessed via the Cathedral's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/uQ2ffsXh6K0>

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

30	Sun	THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
		8.15	SERVICE OF THE WORD - ST MARY'S	
		9.00	SERVICE OF THE WORD - ST MARY'S	
		10.30	PARISH MASS - PARISH HALL	
02	Wed	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.30	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		19.30	PCC MEETING WITH BP MICHAEL - ZOOM	
05	Sat	<i>Our Lady</i>		
		10.00	ZOOM PRAYER GROUP	
06	Sun	THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
		8.15	EUCCHARIST - ST MARY'S	
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MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER ARE SAID DAILY FOR THE PARISH.
IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS PLEASE CONTACT FR ROBERT.

S. Paul writes: ' Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.'
(Romans 12.9-13)

TEXTS OF THE WEEK

THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 86.3,5)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid

and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation of 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

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

R: Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon (Mt 5.9-10)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins

and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ

may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Ezekiel 33.7-11; Ps 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

R: Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.

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 period of discernment of the future of our Parish. For the upcoming PCC meeting with Bp Michael and Archdeacon Jane on 2nd September.
- ¶ Justin, our Archbishop, Alan, Michael, and Richard, our bishops; our sister Churches and ecumenical partners.
- ¶ The Queen, The Royal Family, HM Government, and all leaders of the nations.
- ¶ Peace of the world: especially for Belarus.
- ¶ For our children and young people as they return to schools and universities.
- ¶ All who have been affected by the Coronavirus here and throughout the world.
- ¶ All shielding and in self-isolation, the anxious, the lonely, and the bereaved.
- ¶ **In our local community:** Aubreys, Baldock Road, Barrington Road, Briar Patch Lane, Bridge Road, Broadcroft, Broadwater Avenue, Broadwater Dale, Broadway, Brookside, Burnell Rise, Burnell Walk.
- ¶ **The Sick:** Mary Hardy, Carlos Holloway, Fr Reginald Rolph, Nick Goddard, Keith Goddard, Joan Pain, Hayley Cutmore, Katie Khan, Jessica Horner, John Howard, Elizabeth Stevens.
- ¶ **Years Mind:** (30) Gladys Hudson, Stanley Brassington, Frank Tudor, Eddie Clark, (31) Marion Dobbie, Joan Young, Peter Simon Witham, (1/9) Fredrick Rogers, Fr Francis Heazell (Priest), (2) Sydney Browne,
✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace; and rise in glory.

Prayer for our Parish Family

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of this parish family; keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; 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.

NOTICES

A revision of the electoral Roll will shortly take place. The revision period is **between the Wednesday 16th September and Tuesday 29th September.** You must be a member of the Electoral Roll to attend and take your part in the Annual Parochial Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th October 2020 (via Zoom). To qualify for inclusion on the Roll you must either live within the Parish boundary, or, if you live outside of the Parish boundary, you must have worshipped regularly at either St Michael's or St Mary's for a period not less than six months prior to 16th September. *With thanks - Marlene Gray, Electoral Roll Officer. 01462 679813*

Our churches are now open for public worship. Please be aware that **strict social distancing measures have been put in place (2 m apart).** All are asked to **wear a face covering** while inside the building.

St Mary's Patronal Festival will be on **Tuesday, 8th September at 7.30 pm.** **The Rev'd Ginni Dear** from St Ippolyts' Church will be our celebrant and preacher. To book a place for this service please contact Marlene.

Fr Robert is self-isolating after his holiday until the afternoon of Saturday, 12th Sept. Please be assured that you can still contact him via phone, email or Zoom as he will be working from home. We are grateful to Fr Paul Lanham and Fr Bill Britt for covering some of the services.

Please note that **the parish consultation period comes to an end this Monday.** Thank you to all who have made their submissions to Bp Michael and Fr Robert. The PCC will meet on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

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.

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: sponge puddings, tinned potatoes, tinned rice and custard.

Parish Office remains closed until further notice.

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