



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

ST MICHAEL'S & ST MARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Please inform the Church Wardens about your intention to attend worship 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)

13	Sun	THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
		8.15	EUCCHARIST - ST MARY'S
		9.00	EUCCHARIST - ST MARY'S
		10.30	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL
14	Mon	Holy Cross Day	
		19.30	PCC MEETING - PARISH HALL
16	Wed	<i>S. Ninian, Bp of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432</i>	
		9.00	MORNING PRAYER - ST MARY'S
		9.30	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S
18	Fr	<i>Feria</i>	
		12.00	MASS - PARISH HALL
19	Sat	<i>Our Lady</i>	
		10.00	ZOOM PRAYER GROUP
20	Sun	THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
		8.15	EUCCHARIST - ST MARY'S
		9.00	EUCCHARIST - ST MARY'S
		10.30	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER ARE SAID DAILY FOR THE PARISH.
IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS PLEASE CONTACT FR ROBERT.

*'The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.'*

From Psalm 103



TEXTS OF THE WEEK

THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Entrance Antiphon (Sirach 36.18)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

The Collect

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Genesis 50.15-21; Ps 103.(1-7), 8-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

**R: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another,
just as I have loved you, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Prayer over the Gifts

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon (Ps 36.8)

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jonah 3.10-4.11; Ps 145.1-8; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16

R: The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

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 our PCC as it meets on Monday, the 14th Sept.
- ¶ 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.
- ¶ 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:** Eaerlsmead, Field Lane, Fouracres, Garth Road, Gernon Walk, Gernon Road, The Glade, Gorst Close, Greenways, High Avenue.
- ¶ **Wedding Anniversary:** (14) Margaret and Bob Thorogood
- ¶ **The Sick:** Carlos Holloway, Ruth Croft, Fr Reginald Rolph, Nick Goddard, Keith Goddard, Joan Pain, Hayley Cutmore, Katie Khan, Jessica Horner, John Howard, Elizabeth Stevens.
- ¶ **Recently Departed:** Mary Hardy
- ¶ **Years Mind:** (13) Rene Webster, Winifred Coleman, (14) Mary Ritchie, (15) Richard Faulkes, Ellen Jane Gifford, Fr Richard Dinnis (priest), Rose Owen, Florence Moss, Ernest Gerrard Jnr, (16) Joan Roberts, (17) Peter Living
- ✠ 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.

Bike & Hike, Sat, 12th: Barbara will be walking a Hike & Bike route to connect 11 local churches covering 15+ miles. Barbara will photograph each church and the photos will go on the parish Facebook page. 1/2 of funds go to All Churches Trust and the other 1/2 for St Catherine's Nursing Home. To contribute please contact Barbara.

Bishop Michael will visit the Parish on Sunday 20th September. The Bishop will celebrate the Eucharist and preach at both St Mary's and St Michael's. Please remember to book your place for these services in advance.

PCC Meeting with Bp Michael and Archdeacon Jane will take place on **Monday, 14th Sept at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall** (current Covid-19 restriction permitting - it may need to be moved to Zoom). This is an important meeting at which decisions about the future of our Parish are expected to be made.

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: Jam/Marmalade, Longlife Juice, Sponge Puddings

Parish Office remains closed until further notice.

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