**The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Parish of Welwyn,**

**Welwyn Team, Diocese of St Albans**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**SUNDAY 13th JULY 2025**

**8am Said Eucharist**

**9.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**

**(Common Worship Order 1)**

***Welcome! If you are new to this church please introduce yourself to one of the clergy and take a newcomers’ leaflet.***

***There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.***

***All children and adults, regular and visitors, are***

***welcome to our Junior Church***

*lease join in the words in* **Bold** *in the order of service*

**THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:**

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Please stand to sing* ***HYMN:***

JUDGE eternal, throned in splendour,

Lord of lords and King of kings,

With thy living fire of judgement

Purge this realm of bitter things:

Solace all its wide dominion

With the healing of thy wings.

2 Still the weary folk are pining

For the hour that brings release:

And the city's crowded clangour

Cries aloud for sin to cease;

And the homesteads and the woodlands

Plead in silence for their peace.

3 Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;

Cleave our darkness with thy sword;

Feed the faithless and the hungry

With the richness of thy word:

Cleanse the body of this nation

Through the glory of the Lord.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

and also with you.

*The deacon introduces the confession*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces God's forgiveness*

*‘What are we thinking about today?’*

*– then Junior Church leaves for Church House*

*****We remain standing to sing:*

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,***

***Glory to God in the highest******and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,******we worship you, we give you thanks,******we praise you for your glory.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,******Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,******Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:******have mercy on us;******you are seated at the right hand of the Father:***

***receive our prayer.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,******For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,******you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,******with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

*We remain standing for the collect:*

Let us pray:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We sit to listen to this Sunday’s bible readings.*

****A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (30:9-14)

(read by Vernonne Allan)

Moses spoke to the people, saying, 9The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ 13Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ 14No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:1-14)

(read by Jo Fozzard)

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, 6the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing* ***HYMN:***

1 THE Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

4 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

5 For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

*Please remain standing and facing the gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(10:25-37) **Glor**y to you, O Lord.

25A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ 26He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ 27He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ 28And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

29But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?' 30Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ 37He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.‘ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please sit for the* **Sermon**: The Rev’d Dr David Munchin, Rector

Please stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is**

**worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel for the intercessions*

***Sick:*** *Joan Gould, Pauline Lebeau, Graeme Emery, Robin Marson, Vickie Harris, Shem Biran, Mary Beard, Ann Gurney, Elizabeth Holloway, Lurlene Champagnie,  Penny Swain, Joyce Davis, John Wray, Georgina Laval, Glynis Johnstone, Anita King, Rod and Pip Dowdell, Matthew Codd, Patricia Brattle, Peter Branchflower, Ann Symonds, David Wilsher, Brian White, Susan Wray*

***Departed:****Anthony Perkins, Margot Kenworthy, Judith Watson*

*We use the following response*

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please stand for The Peace, which the priest introduces*

*with a sentence from Scripture*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

*We sing the* ***HYMN:***

FOR the fruits of his creation, Thanks be to God;

For his gifts to every nation,

Thanks be to God;

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,

Thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;

In the help we give our neighbour,

God's will is done;

In our worldwide task of caring

For the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing,

God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of his Spirit, Thanks be to God;

For the good we all inherit,

Thanks be to God;

For the wonders that astound us,

For the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that Love has found us,

Thanks be to God.

***Please support the work of our church if you are able***

*In common with all other Church of England churches, Welwyn St Mary receives no money from the State or the Church of England. We are entirely dependent on donations from parishioners and visitors to support our church and its work in the community.*

*There will be no collection during the service, so*

* *If you wish to donate by card, please use the Giving Station by the door*
* *If you wish to donate by mobile phone, please use the QR code below*
* *If you wish to donate cash, place it in the offertory plate as you leave the church, please use a yellow envelope if you would like us to gift-aid your donation.*

***Please would you consider supporting us by regular giving?***

*We are members of the Parish Giving Scheme*

*(see*[*parishgiving.org.uk*](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fparishgiving.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7Cc2a75c3256e14a47962a08dd36de0cba%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638727049511508241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7uawQa%2BLbF1uitV8fVY%2FGDspzH89FwCJqowKOiDYScs%3D&reserved=0)*and search for Welwyn St Mary).*

*You may choose monthly, quarterly or annual giving.****Thank you***

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*The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine, the people respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

Please remain standing throughout the prayer, but sit if you need to

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**I**t is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise …

… we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

****Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; …

… which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,…

… all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

*We sing:*

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us (x2)**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;**

**grant us peace**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please move for communion following the direction of the stewards. All are welcome to come to the rail. Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine, all others are welcome to come for a blessing (please indicate this by crossing your arms and bowing your head).*

***During communion the choir sing the anthem***

 ***‘I give to you a new commandment’ by Nardone***

*And then we sing the* ***HYMN:***

1 My spirit longs for thee

within my troubled breast,

though I unworthy be

of so divine a guest.

2 Of so divine a guest

unworthy though I be,

yet has my heart no rest

unless it come from thee.

3 Unless it come from thee,

in vain I look around;

in all that I can see

no rest is to be found.

4 No rest is to be found

but in thy blessed love:

O let my wish be crowned,

and send it from above!

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*We sit as the notices and banns of marriage are announced.*

*Then we stand to sing the* ***HYMN :***

WILL you come and follow me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown, In you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind

If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer, In you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see

If I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free

And never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,

And do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean, In you and you in me?

4 Will you love the 'you' you hide

If I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

And never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound, In you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true

When you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you

And never be the same.

In your company I'll go

Where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow, In you and you in me.

*The priest says the blessing ending:*

…be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.



The ministers and people depart.

The organist plays a voluntary

All are welcome to stay for refreshments in Church House.

Please take this booklet with you.

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**Prayer services across the week within the Team**

Monday 5pm - Evening Prayer at St Peter’s – Tewin

Tuesday 8:30am - Morning Prayer at St Giles - Codicote

**Wednesday 8am - Bible study breakfast at St.Mary’s - Welwyn**

**9am - Morning prayer at St Mary’s - Welwyn**

 **9.30am – Eucharist at St. Mary’s – Welwyn**

Thursday 5pm - Evening Prayer at All Saints - Datchworth

Friday 8:30am - Morning Prayer at St Michael’s,

 Woolmer Green

**Saturday 9-9.30am – Team Prayers at St Mary’s - Welwyn**

**The Church Office (in Welwyn) hours are:**

**Mon, Tues – 9-1pm & Fridays – 9-12noon**

Parish Office: stmaryswelwyn@gmail.com **01438 840964**

Clergy surgery Saturday 10-11am at Welwyn particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms

The Rector: The Rev’d Dr David Munchin,

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**NOTICES**

**Our Holiday Club this year ‘Story of a Disciple’** will be at from **Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August 10am-12noon** every morning with lots of games, crafts, activities and songs. The club is for primary school aged children – further details and form from the Rector at rector@welwyn.org.uk.

**Bible in One Year -** St. Giles Parish Centre **-**Thursday 24th July 7.30pm

**Time for Reflection** – **Friday 18th July** **at 10 for 10.30am** in Church House.  Linda will be talking to us about “My duties as a Sacristan”.  Instead of a Bring and Share lunch we will be going to Grace Community Church, Stevenage for a light lunch. All are welcome. If a lift is needed please contact Mavis 01438 487851

**Community Lunch** – **Monday July 21st at 1pm**. To reserve a place please put your £20 in an envelope together with your name and telephone number and any diet requirements. Reservations will be accepted until 17th July. Envelopes can be handed to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop.

**A long walk with dodgy knees!**We are somewhat apologetic for once again asking for your help, but it so happens that the wonderful concert and our next foray into the unknown happen rather close together. Please forgive us! We would once again like to raise money for Ukraine as the war escalates, hunger being the most desperate of needs. We have been planning a long distance walk of 81 miles from Ilkley to Windermere along with Nadia and Maria. We hope to send back photos as we walk. This is the link on how to sponsor us:

[**https://gofund.me/6b1e45d8**](https://gofund.me/6b1e45d8)

**Poetry Pilgrimage Saturday 2nd August** – A gentle walk (4.5 miles) through beautiful countryside, stopping enroute for poetry and short reflections about the twists and turns of our spiritual journeys. Begins All Saints Church Datchworth 10am. Ends St Peter’s Tewin approximately 2:30pm / 3pm. 4.5 miles. Cost £10. Lunch will be provided. Lifts to return to our cars will be organised nearer the time. To register please add you details to the signup sheet in church or email susannahunderwood1@gmail.com.

**Diary of Events this week – 13th July**

**The office will be shut from the**

**16th July – 3rd August**

**Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Monday 9.30am Patchwork Group

 4.30pm St. Mary’s Ware visit

Tuesday 10-12noon Community Café

 8.00pm Bell Ringing practice

Wednesday 2.00pm Play & Praise

 **8.00pm Bible Discovery** at the Carpenters

Thursday **9.30am St. Mary’s Year 6 leaver Service**

10.00am Knitting Group

 6.00pm Junior Choir Practice

 7.45pm Choir Practice

 7-10pm Bridge Club

 7.30pm GAG meeting

Friday **10.30am Time for Reflection**

Saturday10-11am Clergy Office

 10-12am Coffee morning

 10.15am Baptism Preparation

**Sunday 20th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity**

 8.00am Said Eucharist

 **9.30am Parish Eucharist**

 6.30pm Evensong at St. Peter’s, Tewin

 **Readings for 27th July**

Genesis 18: 20-32, Colossians 2: 6-15, 16-19,Luke 11: 1-13

**Summer Evensongs** – come and enjoy our beautiful Team Churches and Churchyards, Evensong, and a glass of wine. All Sunday evenings at 6.30pm

Our theme for this year is Animals of the bible

* 27th July – Ayot St Peter, John Burnapp, Whales
* 3rd August – St Gile’s Codicote, Jo Sampson, Oxen
* 10th August – St Mary’s Welwyn,

The Rev’d Christie Gilfeather, Snakes

* 17th August – St Michael’s Woolmer Green,

The Rev’d Will Ellis, Leviathan

* 24th August -All Saints’ Datchworth, Colin Hull, Eagles
* 31st August – St Peter’s Tewin, Usha Hull, Donkeys