**St Mary the Virgin Ware**

**Sunday 12th October – Trinity 17**

**Welcome to St Mary's this morning**

If you are visiting or here for the first time, we hope you feel at home, and please do make yourself known. Those of you with small children may wish to make use of the Children’s Corner during the service, if that is helpful for you. At the offertory a collection will be taken for the work of the church. If you are able to use a Gift Aid envelope please do. There is a card reader, and further information about giving to St Mary’s, by the door where you came in. When we come to share communion please follow the stewards. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service – please stay if you can.

**Services this Sunday**

8am Eucharist, in Church and on Facebook

10am Eucharist, in Church and on Zoom

**Hymns**

Processional 268 Timeless love! We sing the story

Gradual 383 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Offertory 347 Thine arm O Lord in days of old

Communion 348 We cannot measure how you heal

Final 530 Now thank we all our God

**Music**

Setting The Deutsche Messe, *Schubert*

Motet Litany to the Holy Spirit, *Hurford*

Voluntary V.Final *from* Organ Symphony IV, *Widor*

**Rota for Sunday 12th October**

**Welcomers** Pat Collin, Brenda Furnival Jones

**Sidespeople** Gavin John, Ann Sandford

**Servers**  Roti Tunis, Anne Crowther, Malcolm Furnival Jones

**Readers** Ian Little, Mary Millett

**Intercessor** Mark Kirby

**Lay Admin** Zara Kimber, Malcolm Furnival Jones

**Coffee** Rob Herd, Marion Mountjoy

**For your Prayers**

**Any who are sick or suffering:** Howard Marshall,

**The housebound, among them:** Sheila Brown, Chris Skinner, Hazel Bayford

**Those who have died**:

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time**: Shirley Pedder, Paul Hickman, Tony Johnson, Winifred Wright

**In our Deanery:** Holy Trinity, Hertford Heath

**From our Parish Prayer Cycle:** Local Charities

**Those that live in:** Wicken Fields, Wulfrath Way

**Collect**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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**

**First Reading, 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. **2**Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. **3**She said to her mistress, ‘If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.’

**7**When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’

**8**But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ **9**So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. **10**Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ **11**But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! **12**Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. **13**But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ **14**So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**15**Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.’

**Second Reading, 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

**8**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, **9**for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. **10**Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. **11**The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
**12**if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
**13**if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

**14**Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. **15**Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**Gospel Reading, Luke 17:11-19**

**11**On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12**As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, **13**they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ **14**When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. **15**Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16**He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17**Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? **18**Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ **19**Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

**Diary for the rest of this week**

Monday – Thursday 9.15am Morning Prayer

Monday – Thursday 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th October 11am Eucharist

 7:30pm Bell Ringing

Thursday 16th October 11.30am Café

 12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

Friday 17th October 4.15pm Handbell Ringing

 7pm Choir practice

Saturday 18th October 1pm Baptism

*This diary includes just congregational services and major events/meetings. For full details of the weekly diary please look at the Link Way and South Porch notices.*

**Rota for Sunday 19th October**

**Children’s Church** Moira King, Marina Buswell

**Welcomers** Roti Tunis, Michael Waller

**Sidespeople** Bonnie West, Mike West

**Servers**  Derek Day, Sue Austin, Mike Franklin, Noah Clarke

**Readers** Mike Franklin, Bonnie West

**Intercessor** Marie South

**Lay Admin** Sue Austin, David Horner

**Coffee** Liz Horner, David Horner

**Notices**

**Parish Office** during the vacancy in post please continue to use the Parish Office email address for all the things you would usually use it for. Deadline for pewsheet information remains Wednesday 11am. Thank you – Ysmena

**Parish Administrator** If you are interested in applying for the position, or know someone who may be interested, please ask them to visit the Church website for more details, or speak to Ysmena, or to Church Wardens - Sue Austin, Jackie Turner or Matt Whitbourn. Thank you.

**Rota** Copies are available in book corner for those who would like them.

**Fair Trade Advent calendars** Please speak to Bonnie if you would like to order one. There is a poster in the book corner with details. Thank you.

**Quarterly** Please send Bonnie West rsc\_west@hotmail.comyour itemsfor the November issue of Quarterly by Wednesday 22 October. Articles, photos, what's on information, all gratefully received, but nothing in PDF format please.

**Care Home Service Support** Services in all three of our care homes are growing, in all cases supported by members of local churches. All three services would benefit from additional support; most urgently the service at Hillview. No experience required! You just need to be willing to sit with residents and help them take part. Hillview service is 1st Monday in the month at 2:30pm. Ashwood, last Monday at 3pm (currently). Snowdrop weekly on Thursdays at 11am. Speak to Ysmena to follow up.

**Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service** at St Albans Cathedral on Monday 13th October at 7pm for anyone who has ever suffered baby loss or infertility.

**All Souls Memorial Service** Refreshments from 3:30pm, Service at 5pm on Sunday 19th October - all welcome.

**Half Term Activity Day** Tuesday October 28th 10am – 4pm Drop-in Board Games Day!

Bring a game or find one here; bring a team or find one here. All ages welcome. If you can help host for part of the day please sign up. Thank you

**Tuesday 28th October, 7pm for 7:30pm** - St Mary's is delighted to host award winning journalist and writer Stephanie Saldana to speak about her book 'What we remember will be saved: The story of refugees and the things they carry.' Stephanie will be joined by Kurdish musician Ferhad Feyssal whose story features in the book. Hospitality supported by Herts Welcomes Refugees.

**All Saints “Sausage Sizzle” Sunday 2nd Nov. (Evensong 5pm; Supper 6:30pm)**

Book your place now for the Sausage and Mash supper after Choral Evensong at St Mary's to celebrate with the Saints and help raise funds for Montgomery Heights Children's Centre in Zimbabwe. Sign the list at the back of the church.

If you would like transport to Evensong and home again after the supper please contact Linn Parker who is coordinating lifts both ways. If you can offer lifts, please would you let Linn know: email - linnparker61@gmail.com or telephone 07770 923914

**Christmas Fayre** Saturday 22nd November, 10am-12.30pm. Items will be appreciated for bric-a-brac and fancy goods stall, items such as jewellery, ornaments, scarves, handbags, toiletries, books, etc. No old electrical items please. Cakes will be requested nearer the time. Thank you.

**Next Lunchtime Concerts**

Thursday 16th October, Hugh Legg, Rebecca Watta & Michael Smith – Voice, Harp & Piano

Monday 3rd November, *performer tbc owing to a change of circumstance*

Thursday 20th November, Neil Chippington – Organ Recital

**Contact Information**

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