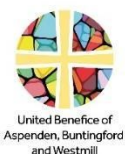


Sunday 18th October



20th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our churches of St Mary's Aspenden, St Peter's Buntingford and St Mary the Virgin Westmill. Whoever you are, wherever you've come from, you are welcome! If this is your first visit, please

do introduce yourselves to the clergy and stay for coffee after the service to meet others

Isaiah 35: 3-6 (NRSVA)

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

Luke 10: 1-9(NRSVA)

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in

peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Collect

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:

let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remembering in our prayers:

Lil, Evelyn, Jackie, Christine, Kathe, Jenny, Russell, Hilary, Phyllis, Jane, Ailsa, Lisa M, Debbie, The Kingsley's, Pauline F, David.

Recently departed:

Judy Thody, Lee Baddock

The funeral of our dear friend the late Judy Thody will be held at St Mary the Virgin Westmill, Tuesday 27th October at 1pm.

Church Services & Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th October

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

11am Morning Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

Morning Prayer – Held 9am to 9:30am, weekly on Tuesday at St Peter's Buntingford, Wednesday St Mary the Virgin, Westmill and Thursdays at St Mary's, Aspenden. For further details chat with Kirsty or Sarah.

Sunday 1st November

9:30am All Age Worship – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

9:30am Morning Worship – St Mary's Aspenden

11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

9:30am All Age Worship – St Mary's Aspenden

11am Churches Together All Age Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 15th November – Safeguarding Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion – St Mary's Aspenden

11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 22nd November

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

11am Morning Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

News & Notices from our Churches and Community



Saturday 24th October British summer time ends and therefore please remember to put your clocks back by an hour

St Peter's Sunday Refreshment Rota, we are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments on Sunday mornings, this will be no more than once a month. Please speak to Kirsty, Sarah or Tracey. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Governor Roles

Both Edwinstree Middle School and Layston First School have opportunities for foundation school governors. We are fortunate to have excellent links with our 2 church schools. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Kirsty.

Monday Morning Coffee at St Peter's Church

Held weekly at 10am – 12pm every Monday except Bank Holidays. This coffee morning is growing with lots of people attending and making friends. There is the opportunity for prayer too. Do pop in and join us.

Little Lambs, St Mary the Virgin Westmill Held weekly on Wednesday 10am – 11:30am term time only, for pre-school children and their grown-ups. Little Lambs will take a break for half term Wednesday 28th October returning on 4th November.

Choc Stop Choc Stop will serving hot chocolate for young people on their way home from school. Every Thursday term time only, outside St Peter's church from 3.15pm
Please note Choc Stop will take a break for half term Thursday 29th October returning on 5th November.

Westmill Church Yard Autumn Tidy-Up

Thank you to everyone who turned out to help with Westmill Churchyard Autumn Tidy-up yesterday and those who kept everyone going with refreshments.

Quiz Night Thank you to everyone who supported this popular annual event. We hope you had a great evening. A special thank you to our quiz master Paul Wainwright and everyone who put this event together.

Aspenden Christmas Tree Festival bookings are open. This is the 3rd year and we are hoping to see the church filled with wonderful, creative and festive Christmas trees.

The Tree Festival will take place on Saturday 12th December 10am – 4pm and Sunday 13th December 11am – 4pm.

If you would like to enter a Tree for the festival, please scan the QR code or visit our website for further information.



Sunday 1st November 3pm

Service of Memories at St Mary's Aspenden.

"We bereaved are not alone. We belong to the largest company in all the world—the company of those who have known suffering." (Helen Keller). Save the date if you would like to join us for this reflective service as we remember those we love but see no longer. We will light candles in their memory and there will be hymns and prayers.

Chris Hinchliff MP – Please note change of date

Our MP Chris Hinchliff will be coming to the Monday Coffee Morning at St Peter's on 2nd November. Do come along for your opportunity to discuss community matters with him.

Buntingford Live Pilgrim Cello, 21st November, 7:30pm at St Peter's Church Buntingford.

Author and cellist Kenneth Wilson tells the story of his bicycle tour of all 42 English cathedrals and will perform the 'cello music that he played along the way. Licensed bar. Please book your tickets through Buntingford Live website or follow the link below.

<https://buntingfordlive.org/events/pilgrim-cello/>

Save the dates- details are on our website for further details and booking tickets

Late night shopping & Lights of Love, Friday 27th November 4pm – 8pm St Peter's Church

Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir, Saturday 28th November, 7:30pm St Mary the Virgin Westmill.

Eco Church Tip: Trinity 20: Plant some crocus bulbs in a pot or the garden to provide an early source of nectar for pollinators in spring. Cover with chicken wire or even chilli powder to stop squirrels digging them up this winter!

Benefice Administrator

Nina has given her notice to resign as benefice administrator. She will be working up to Christmas. This has not been an easy decision for her to make but is the right decision for her and the family.

Please keep Nina and the benefice in your prayers as we look appoint a new administrator.

Find all our latest services & news here:

www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-012BK/



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