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

**Welwyn Team, Diocese of St Albans**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2020**

**8am Said Eucharist**

**9.30am Parish Eucharist**

**(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.

***Hymns can be found in the Green Hymn Books***

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

* **THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:**

*Please stand to sing the* ***HYMN 67, Forty days and forty nights***

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*

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We remain standing to sing:*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest pronounces God's forgiveness*

*We remain standing for the collect:*

Let us pray:

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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**

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

A reading from the Book of Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7)

(read by Tyler Kirby)

15The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

1Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ 2The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ 4But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; 5for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:12-19),

(read by Peter Lee)

12Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – 13sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 14Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

15But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. 16And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. 19For just as by the one person’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the* ***HYMN 393, Lead us heavenly Father***

*Please remain standing and face the gospel,*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

**Glor**y to you, O Lord.

1Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3The tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ 4But he answered, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’

5Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ 7Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; 9and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ 10Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ 11Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please sit for the* **Sermon**: The Rev’d Dr David Munchin, The 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 led by Mike Carpenter*

***Intentions for prayer: The sick:*** *Shem Biran, Alice Burnapp, Sheila Edmondson, Edward Dunsterville, Catherine England, John Farrow, Roger Francis, Charlotte Grandville, Mary Gregory Anne Gurney, Doreen Hakansson, Sue Keach, Audrey Taylor and Linda Thistlethwaite*

***Departed:*** *Margaret Swift,**Nigel McNaught & Wendy Wiggins*

*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 share the peace with our neighbours*

*******We sing the HYMN 383, Jesu, lover of my soul*

*During the hymn a collection is taken, and the altar prepared.*

*You can also donate online at www.welwyn.org.uk or give by standing order. If you are a tax-payer, Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews; by completing the details you will enable us to increase the value of your donation by 25%.*

*The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine*

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;  
we ask this in his name. **Amen.**

**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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, …

… we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day …

… all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer 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.**

**We do not presume to come to this your table,**

**merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*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 sings the anthem***

***Music: Thomas Ford, words: William Leighton***

*Almighty God, Who hast me brought In safety to the present day,  
Keep me from sin in heart and thought, and teach me what to do and say.  
Prosper me, Lord, in all my works, Help me with thy continual grace,  
Keep me from Satan vile that lurks To trap my soul in ev'ry place.  
Almighty Lord and God of love, Direct mine heart and guide my ways,  
Amend my miss, my mind remove From all that from thy glory strays.*

*and then we sing the* ***HYMN:***

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold  
Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within

*We pray together:*

**Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

*Then we stand to sing the* ***HYMN 65, Christian dost thou see them,***

*The priest says the blessing ending:*

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation:  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart

**The organist plays a voluntary – Grave (1st movement) from Sonata no 1 in C minor by Rheinberger.**

All are welcome to stay for refreshments.

Please take this booklet with you.

**Parish Office:** secretary@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 840964

**Monday and Tuesday 9am-1pm**

**Friday 9am-12pm.**

**CLOSED ON Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Clergy surgery** (particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms) is open on Saturday 10-11am, when coffee is also served in Church House.

**The Rector:** The Rev’d Dr David Munchin, rector@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 714150

**The Curate:** The Rev’d Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, curate@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 813043

Further information: www.welwyn.org.uk; ‘The Welwyn Magazine’;

Facebook page: St Mary’s Church, Welwyn Twitter: wsm\_church

**Notice** **Re Corona Virus** - In the light of the global attempt to contain corona virus the Church of England is asking **all communicants to follow these guidelines until further notice:**

\* Those who have cold or flu-like symptoms are asked to receive bread only.

\* Communion bread/wafers must not be intincted (dipped) into the chalice.

\* It is church teaching that receiving only the bread is a full and valid communion.

**Notices/Events taking place across the Team Churches**

**Sadness** – It is with great sadness that we announce the passing away of Margaret Swift. As soon as we know the funeral details, we will advertise these.

**World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March** at St. Giles, Codicote at 2pm. Cakes and refreshments after, a service for everybody.

**Time for God Lent Group** [- **Friday 6th March 9.30am**](x-apple-data-detectors://0)**in Church House.** Do come and join us. [01438 487851](tel:01438%20487851)- Mavis Francis

**Church Fellowship** - **Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm** in Church House when Amy Reynolds will tell us about "My Life in Embroidery". Do come and join us. There will be tea and cakes.

**Church House Kitchen -** Please be aware that the annual deep clean of the kitchen in Church House will take place on **Friday 13 March** from **12 noon probably until late afternoon**. We will endeavour to minimise inconvenience to other users of Church House. It will be necessary to ensure that the kitchen is completely empty, with all appliances disconnected, before work commences and to ensure everything is returned to normal afterwards. If anyone were able to assist with either task (or both) that would be enormously appreciated. Thank you for your forbearance. Stuart Westley

**Community Lunch** - **Monday March** [**23rd at**](http://23rd.at) **12.30pm.** To reserve a place please put **£12** in an **envelope together with your name and telephone number** and any diet requirements. Reservations will be accepted from 8th - 18th March. Envelopes can be handed to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop.

**Lent, Holy Week & Easter** – there is a leaflet with all the details of Lent groups, services and activities over this period. Please pick it up.

**Lent groups –** There are various groups meeting around the team. The material is available free of charge – look for the booklet with a colour picture of the Lent book on the front. It is also available on the web. You can attend a Lent group with or without reading a copy of the Lent book, but if you would like to buy a copy of the book to read, the Rector has a small number of ‘Saying to Yes to Life’, by Ruth Valerio (the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book) at £7.00.

**Diary for the Welwyn Team**

**Tonight 5pm Standing Committee**

**6.30pm Evensong at Tewin**

**Monday** 9.30am Sewing Group

**Tuesday** 9.30am Community Café

**2pm Mother Union meets**

**Wednesday** 8.00am Breakfast Bible Study

9-9.30am Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist

**2.00pm Play & Praise**

**Thursday** 10.00am Knitting Group

**Friday 9.30am Time for God in Church House**

**2.00pm World Day of Prayer at Codicote**

6.30pm Welwyn Tune

7.45pm Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday** 10-11am Clergy Surgery in the Office

10-11.30 Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House

**11.00am Relate Training in Church House**

**Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Next week’s Readings**

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-7