

**The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Parish of Welwyn,
Welwyn Team, Diocese of St Albans**

**ADVENT SUNDAY
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019**

**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 **HYMN:***

1. Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.
2. Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued,
the light of life in us will glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.
3. Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.
4. Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

5. Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything always.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our 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.

We light the first candle of the Advent wreath

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.
**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

The deacon introduces the confession:

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness

We remain standing for the collect:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 Prophet Isaiah (2:1-5)
(read by Linda Dobbs)

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:11-14),
(read by Joan Webb)

¹¹Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air;
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of His people's prayer?

Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in His coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath He done, and shall we not adore Him?
This shall He do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before Him, .
Cast at His feet the burden of our care.

Yea Through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Please remain standing and face the gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(24:36-44)



Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ³⁶About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please sit for the **Sermon**:* The Rev'd Dr David Munchin, Team 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 kneel for the prayers of intercession led by Gay Carpenter

Intentions for prayer: *Shem Biran, Alice Burnapp, Sheila Edmondson, Edward Dunsterville, Rod Dowdell Catherine England, John Farrow, Roger Francis, Charlotte Grandville, Anne Gurney, Doreen Hakansson, Sue Keach, Audrey Taylor and Linda Thistlethwaite.*
For the departed: *Nora Burnett, Daphne Elwin, Madeleine Phillips*

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 **HYMN:**

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%.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Christ ...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Christ ...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. *Christ ...*

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. *Christ ...*

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

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O 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

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, ...

... to proclaim your glory,
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...

... 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:

**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.**



Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**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 sing the anthem: *Conditur alme siderum*, Music by da Palestrina, words Hymn 1

and then we sing the ***HYMN 6, Hark the glad sound***

After communion we kneel or sit to say the prayer:

**O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Then we stand to sing the ***HYMN 9, Lo! He comes***

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.
With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.
In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.
In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.



The priest says the blessing ending:

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

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen.Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

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

The ministers and people depart.



***The organist plays a voluntary
'A solis ortus cardine' by Titelouze.***

All are welcome to stay for refreshments in New Church House. Please take this booklet with you, but leave the hymn book.

Monday and Tuesday 9am-1pm

Friday 9am-12pm.

CLOSED ON Wednesday and Thursday.

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

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

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

Facebook page: St Mary's Church, Welwyn Twitter: wsm_church

NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE TEAM CHURCHES

PLEASE TAKE AND DELIVER CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS TODAY – THERE IS NO OTHER METHOD FOR DELIVERY THAN MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION TAKING THEM AND DELIVERING THEM – MANY THANKS

Christingle Service - It's that time of year again, and we once more need your help to prepare the Christingles. Come along on **Saturday 7th December at 10.00** in Church House where we'll spend a lovely hour or so cutting oranges, taping them up, and organising the sweets and cocktail sticks. We also need some helpers for the Service itself. Please sign the sheet if you are able to help. Everyone is welcome - no experience necessary!

Community Lunch - Monday December 2nd at 12.30 pm. This will be a Christmas Lunch. To reserve a place please put your £10 in an envelope together with your **name and telephone** and any diet requirements. Reservations will be accepted until the **27th November**. Envelopes can be handed to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop

Calendar 2020 – Please take a copy of next year's Calendar.

Furniture Friends urgently requires bunk beds for a needy family with five children. If you have some, which you would like to donate please contact John Wray at 01438 715187 or email furniturefriends@live.com

St. Mary's Fairtrade Stall - Open Saturday mornings & the first Tuesday of each month, (**next one 3rd December**) **10am - 11.30am** in Church House

Church Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday 10th December at 2.30pm** in Church House. This is the Christmas meeting. Afterwards there will be mince pies and Stollen cake. Do come and join us. **Please remember to bring your money for the January lunch.**

New Website for St. Michael's – St. Michael's Church has a brand new website – check it out at www.stmichaelswg.org.uk

WELWYN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

1st December 6.30pm – Advent Carol Service

4th December 9pm – Compline

8th December 3.30pm - Christingle Service*

11th December 9.00pm - Compline

15th December 9.30am
All Age Eucharist with Nativity*

18th December 9pm - Compline

22nd December 6.30pm - Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve
3.30pm - Crib Service*
11.00pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – 8am & 9.30am*
Said Eucharist & All Age Eucharist

**Asterix denotes Services
especially suitable for Children**

This Week in the Welwyn Team

Today	6.30pm	Advent Team Carol Service
Monday	9.30am 12.30pm 3.30pm 7.00pm	Sewing Group Community Lunch Craftea Teen Bible Study
Tuesday	9.30am	Community Café
Wednesday	8.00am <i>9.00am</i> 9.30am 2.00pm 9.00pm	Breakfast Bible Study <i>Morning Prayer at St Mary's followed by</i> Holy Communion at St Mary's Play and Praise Service COMPLINE
Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Knitting Group Arpeggios & Bridge Club
Friday	6.30pm 7.45pm	Welwyn Tune Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10-11am 10-11.30	Clergy Surgery in the Office Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House
Sunday 8th December		2nd Sunday of Advent
	8.00am 9.30am 3.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist Christingle Service Choral Evensong

Next week's Readings – 8th December

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Romans 15: 4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12