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

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2019 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8am Said Eucharist 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Activity Based Church and Creche (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 Activity Based Church and Creche

Hymns can be found in the Green Hymn BooksPlease join in the words in **Bold** in the order of service

• THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:

Please stand to sing **Hymn:**

Thy hand, O God, has guided thy flock, from age to age; the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page; our fathers owned thy goodness, and we their deeds record; and both of this bear witness: one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least; they bade men rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast; and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word, to all alike proclaiming one Church, one faith, one Lord



Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife, the faithful few fought bravely, to guard the nation's life. Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, man restored, was all in this enfolded: one Church, one faith, one Lord

Thy mercy will not fail us, nor leave thy work undone; with thy right hand to help us, the victory shall be won; and then, by men and angels, thy name shall be adored, and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one faith, one 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.

'What are we thinking about today?'

- then Activity Based Church leaves for Church House

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

We remain standing to sing:

Lord have mercy x3 Christ have mercy x3 Lord have mercy x3



We remain standing for the collect:

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 Job (19:23-27) (read by Fiona MacDonald)



O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! 24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; 26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1-5, 13-17) (read by Rowena MacDonald)

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one

destined for destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing **HYMN**:



I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above, Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love; The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test, That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best; The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Please remain standing and facing the gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (20:27-38)

Glory to you, O Lord.



²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, ²⁸Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if

a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

³⁴Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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 stand for the reading of the Roll of Honour:

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

The list of those to be remembered by name will then be read.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Please sit or kneel for the intercessions led by Fiona MacDonald

Intentions for prayer: Shem Biran, Alice Burnapp, Edward Dunsterville, Rod Dowdell Catherine England, John Farrow, Roger Francis, Charlotte Grandville, Anne Gurney, Doreen Hakansson, Audrey Taylor and Linda Thistlethwaite.

For the departed:, Albert Newbury, David Kimber, Madeleine Phillips, Nora Burnett

We use the following response

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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**:

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

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%.

O God, whose all-sustaining hand is over this and every land, whose laws from age to age have stood, sure guardians of our common good, may love of justice rule our days and ordered freedom guide our ways.

Be near to those who strive to see our homes from harm and terror free, who live their lives at duty's call and spend themselves in serving all; receive for them your people's prayer, uphold them by your constant care.

Teach us to serve our neighbour's need, the homeless help, the hungry feed, the poor protect, the weak defend, and to the friendless prove a friend; the wayward and the lost reclaim for love of Christ and in his Name.

So may our hearts remember yet that cross where love and justice met, and find in Christ our fetters freed, whose mercy answers all our need: who lives and reigns, our risen Lord, where justice sheaths her righteous sword.

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

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 It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your 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.



We praise and bless you, loving Father,...

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

Great is the mystery of faith Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again



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.

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 from the Requiem by G Fauré:

Líbera me, Dómine, de morte ætérna, in die illa treménda. Quando cœli movéndi sunt et terra.

Dum véneris iudicáre sæculum per ignem.

Tremens factus sum ego, et tímeo, dum discússio vénerit, atque ventúra ira.

Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra.

Dies illa, dies iræ, calamitátis et misériæ, dies magna et amára valde. Dum véneris iudicáre sæculum per ignem.

Réquiem ætérnam dona eis, Dómine: et lux perpétua lúceat eis.

Deliver me, O Lord from everlasting damnation on that awful day when Heaven and earth shall shake, and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. I stand trembling before Thee, and I fear the trial that is close at hand, and the wrath to come. That day, a day of wrath, of calamity and misery, a great day and exceeding bitter. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

And then we sing the **HYMN**

1 O God of earth and altar, bow down and hear our cry, our earthly rulers falter, our people drift and die; the walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide, take not thy thunder from us, but take away our pride.



2 From all that terror teaches, from lies of tongue and pen, from all the easy speeches that comfort cruel men, from sale and profanation of honour and the sword, from sleep and from damnation, deliver us, good Lord!

3 Tie in a living tether the prince and priest and thrall, bind all our lives together, smite us and save us all; in ire and exultation aflame with faith, and free, lift up a living nation, a single sword to thee.

After communion we kneel or sit to say the prayer:

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

ABC show us their work, and the priest gives the notices and banns of marriage

Then we stand to sing the **HYMN**

1 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong; and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear; gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

4 The day in whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;



5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad: the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

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 'Pari Interval' by Arvo Pärt.

Please take this booklet with you, but leave the hymn book.

Please note there will be **no coffee after today's service**. The Congregation is invited to gather round the War Memorial after this service for the *Act of Remembrance*. This will be followed by the *Parade Service*, a short service in church of prayers, hymns and readings. All welcome.

NOTICES

The Church Office is open Monday to Friday 10am-noon. Clergy surgery (particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms) is open on Saturday 10-11am, when coffee is also served in New Church House.

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Poppy Collection

This will be on the Crossover Table Today if you would like to contribute.

NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE TEAM CHURCHES

Special Collection at Harvest Festival - Many thanks to all who contributed to this. **£1,105 was raised** including Gift Aid for 'Seeds for Development' and Alison Hall's response to this can be seen on the charities noticeboard in Church House. Thank you also for all the produce which has been taken to the 'Whitechapel Mission' in London.

Church Fellowship – Tuesday November 12th at 2.30pm in Church House. Mr. Jean Eksteen will be telling us about "Growing up in South Africa". There will be tea and cakes afterwards. Do come along and join us.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Madeleine Phillips** will be held on Friday 15th November at 12.30 at St Paul's Walden Church. All welcome.

Tuesday 26th November Community Café 10th Anniversary Celebration This will be held during the normal Café session.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 16th November at 8am – 'Tales of a Verger' by Rod Dowdell, sharing his experiences and stories over 12 years of being a Verger. In this light-hearted talk. Admission £8 from John Swift – 717967 or john.swift41@gmail.com or from the Danesbury Shop – 716945.

Community Lunch will be on **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 <u>telephone</u>** and any diet requirements. Reservations will be accepted from **17th-27th November**. Envelopes can be handed to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop

Pantomime - 'Humbug and Joy', four performances in Church House: at 7.30pm - Tuesday 19th November, Thursday 21st November and Saturday 23rd November 3.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £10 adult /£5 under 16s. Available now from Patricia Brattle every Sunday after the 9.30am services or via email at pbrattle@sky.com or phone 01438 545290. Collection of tickets can be made from Patricia or from the Danesbury shop in Welwyn. All proceeds will go to charity. Cheques to: St Mary's PCC.

St. Mary's Fairtrade Stall - Open Saturday mornings & the **first Tuesday** of each month, (**next one 3**rd **December**) **10am - 11.30am** in Church House. The new Free Autumn/Winter Traidcraft catalogue is out, please take a copy; copies are available in CH and on the shelves by the main church entrance. I'm offering **10% off non-food orders until the end of November.** A selection of the new Autumn stock will be on sale each Saturday morning, as well as Traidcraft's range of groceries. Christmas gifts and food available from the middle of November. Maggie Varco

Our Priorities - If you were not in church on 20th October for the 9.30 service, please make sure you take the newly produced leaflets as you leave today. Hopefully you will find these informative and helpful.

This Week in the Welwyn Team

Please note in Church House - Room 1 has reduced use & Room 4 out of use from now until 24 November due to the Panto

Today	11.00am 6.30pm	Parade Service Evensong
Monday	9.30am	Sewing Group
Tuesday	9.30am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Community Café Church Fellowship Prayers for Children & Youth Panto Dress Rehearsal 1 Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.00am 9.00am 9.30am NB – Rector's 2.15pm	Breakfast Bible Study Morning Prayer at St Mary's followed by Holy Communion at St Mary's Bible study NEXT Wednesday Book Group
Thursday	10.00am 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Knitting Group Panto Dress Rehearsal 2 Bridge Club in Chancel & Arpeggios Book Club
Friday	9.30pm 11.00am 12.30pm	Time for God Monread Care Home Service Madeleine Phillips Memorial service at St
Pauls Walden		Welwyn Tune / 7.45pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	8.00am 10-11am 10.00am 10-11am	Men's Breakfast in Church House Clergy Surgery in the Office Councillor Surgery Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House
Sunday 17 th I	November 8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Second Sunday before Advent Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist Holy Communion at St. Peter's, Tewin

Next week's Readings - 17th November

Malachi 4: 1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13, Luke 21: 5-19