

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2021**

**8am Said Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist
(Common Worship Order 1)**

Welcome back to church – it's great you are here. We think of those still shielding and just to note that we will be livestreaming the service this morning.

The camera is at the front of the nave, please don't sit in front of it!

Please remember to maintain social distance with those outside your household, and sanitise your hands on entry. The wearing of face masks is now mandatory in places of worship unless you are exempt.

There will be some other differences in the service, which you will see by following this sheet.

If you are new to this church please introduce yourself to one of the clergy. There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.

THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:

Unfortunately the big difference is that we have to ask you not to sing! However the choir both real and virtual are able to lead our singing. Please remain seated.

*(words for those at home to sing, and for reflection and humming for those in church - **sung by the STARS choir**)*

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Please stand

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The minister introduces the confession

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness

We remain standing to say:

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

We remain standing for the collect:

Let us pray:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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**

We sit to listen to this Sunday's bible readings.

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah (3:14-20)

(read by Linda Dobbs)



¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:12-19)



¹²Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and

the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing and face the gospel, which we greet with an organ fanfare:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:36b-48)

Glory to you, O Lord.



³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for the **Sermon: Usha Hull, Reader**

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

Sick: Juliette Thompson, Ruby Wiseman, Ann Gurney, John Lavelle,
Vickie Harris, Alice Burnapp, Joan Gould, John Allday, Beth Bates,
Pauline Lebeau, Joan Webb

Departed: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Sheila Lambert

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.

Do feel free to say 'Peace be with you' to your neighbours, but please refrain from sharing it physically.

The collection plate is not being passed round during the offertory hymn at the moment. Please support the work of your parish church by leaving your donation on the plate as you leave at the end of the service, or by donating online on the church's website www.welwyn.org.uk. Thank you.

The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine

The choir sings:

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one

Jesus my redeemer, Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain.

*Thank you oh my father, For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face
And there I'll serve my king forever, In that holy place.
Thank you oh my father,

There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one
Thank you oh my father ...

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world. **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
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

The choir sings:

**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,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
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
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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.**

The Choir sings:

**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**

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.



Please come forward to receive communion at the Nave Altar. Communion will be given in one kind only (the bread), and received standing. Please form a socially distanced queue, returning to your place via the side aisles. If you have your own hand sanitizer this would be good time to use it (please do not borrow from neighbour). Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the bread, all others are welcome to come for a blessing (please indicate this by crossing your arms and bowing your head). If you don't wish to appear on camera as you come back from communion, please turn right instead of left, whichever side you are on.

Music during communion: Anthem by V C Stanford:

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame: so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those at home

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You
were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

We pray together:

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest gives the notices and reads the banns of marriage.

*We sit and listen (and hum along, or sing along at home) to the
hymn sung by the choir:*

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven when I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance then wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance said he,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

Dance then wherever you may be, ...

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high
And left me there on a cross to die.

Dance then wherever you may be,....

4. I danced on a Friday and when the sky turned back;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance then wherever you may be,....

5. They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:

Dance then wherever you may be, ...

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest says the blessing ending:

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

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ministers and people depart.

***The organist plays a voluntary
Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 by J S Bach***

Please take this booklet with you

(this is more directive than usual we don't want booklets hanging around that others will have to clear up).

The Church Office hours are:

Mon, Tues – 9-1pm & Fridays – 9-12noon

*Clergy surgery particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms
is open on Saturday 10-11am.*

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Facebook page: St Marys Church Welwyn*

NOTICES

**Please could any notices for the pew sheets be sent to the office at
secretary@welwyn.org.uk before Tuesdays 12noon.**

Thank you – Team Secretary

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

We are saddened by the news last Friday, of the death of Prince Philip
two months before his 100th birthday.

We give grateful thanks for the years of devoted service he gave to our
nation and remember in our prayers Her Majesty the Queen and all her
family who will be mourning his loss.

Covid restrictions unfortunately prevent a physical Book of Condolence
being placed in the church. However, there is a photo and candle in
Church at the crossover table.

If you would like to send your thoughts and reflections to Jane Carr, via
email, these will be collated and published in due course.

Alternatively or additionally, you can sign the Church of England's
Online Condolence Book, the link is in the weekly email which was sent
out last week.

Bible Discovery - starting on Tuesday 27th April, thereafter fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, Bible Discovery is running a course on **Isaiah the Prophet**. He prophesied a wonderful time of restoration for God's people - just what we need to hear at this time. But do these prophecies apply to us? Can they inspire and comfort us now? And who is the one who was "bruised for our iniquities"?

All meetings are on Zoom at the moment, but will resume as soon as possible when permitted at our home. Meetings are 7.45 for 8.00, finishing at 9pm.

Enjoy a warm and wonderful fellowship!

For more details contact Gay and Mike Carpenter via phone or email at:

01438-718439 gay.carpenter@icloud.com

Men's Breakfast – Youtube Link - This is just a brief note to tell you that a recording of Ian Cunningham's thought provoking and absorbing talk on Climate Change given at our Zoom breakfast session on 10 April is now available on this private link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NhzCWHpQUM>

For those who were not there this is a good opportunity to view the talk - and for those of us who did attend, another chance to re-visit the data Ian presented. It is not available publicly but please feel free to share it with your family and friends: **The next online session will be held on 5 June**. After the summer break I hope we can meet again in person at New Church House starting perhaps with the September session. Watch out for more details in the coming weeks.

PCC Report & APCM Meeting- 28th April at 8pm

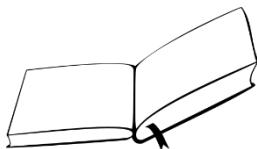
Covid restrictions mean this year's meeting will be by Zoom only. The APCM is for the parish so includes St Mary's and St Michael's and there are some copies of the audited accounts & the APCM booklet. This meeting is open to everyone and is an important part in the life of the church, so do try and attend if you can. The Zoom details are shown on the front page of the booklet. If you receive the weekly email from Jane Carr, she will send these in an email on the 27th April.

Fairtrade Stall

St Mary's Fairtrade stall continues to operate 'remotely' until we are able to reopen again in person - orders are delivered or can be collected on Saturday mornings. There is a 10% discount on non-food items ordered before the end of April. To place an order contact Maggie by email margaret.varco@btinternet.com or phone 01438 715450.

Christian Aid Quiz - Saturday 15th May at 7.30pm

Once again there won't be a house-to-house collection this year but a Zoom quiz is being organised instead to raise funds during Christian Aid Week. Last year's Quiz was great fun and very successful in raising a considerable amount of money. Rev'd Edward Cardale has written an article about this year's Christian Aid appeal which will appear in the May issue of the Welwyn Magazine. More details nearer the time, but in the meantime please put this date in your diary.



Diary of Weekly Events

Sunday 11th April	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Tewin
Monday	10.30am 5.00pm 9.00pm	Walking Group Evening Prayer at Tewin <i>Compline via zoom</i>
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Codicote
Wednesday	9.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer at Welwyn Eucharist at Welwyn <i>Bible Study via zoom</i>
Thursday	5pm	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer at WG
Saturday	9.00am	Parish Prayers at Welwyn

Sunday 25th April – Fourth of Easter

8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
5.00pm	<i>Standing Committee via Zoom</i>
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 7: 1-5,11-18, 8: 6-18, 9:8-13
Acts 4: 5-12
John 10: 11-15

