

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020**

**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 have brought harvest gifts with you, please keep them with you for the moment, and place them at the altar rails as you come up for communion.

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.

We welcome back St Mary's Choir today for the first time

THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:

Unfortunately the big difference is that we have to ask you not to sing! However by the wonders of modern technology we have recorded (in a safe socially distanced manner) our organist and choir singing two hymns this morning, to start and end the service. Please do not stand, but you can follow and hum (but please don't sing along!) the first hymns is sung by the choir:

(words for those at home to sing, and for reflection and humming for those in church:

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

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.

The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

You soften the ground with showers;
and bless the increase of it.

You crown the year with your goodness;
and your paths overflow with plenty.

The meadows are clothed with sheep;
the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.
The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of
the world.

Lord, you give justice to those who are suffering
and bread to those who hunger.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you loose those who are bound
and open the eyes of the blind.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land
and uphold the orphan and the widow.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We remain standing to say:

**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.
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.
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. Amen.**

We remain standing for the collect:

Let us pray:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sit to listen to this Sunday's bible reading.
(Readings by Gay Carpenter)



A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (8:7-18)

7The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

11Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. 12When you have eaten your fill and have

built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.'
¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as a fanfare greets the gospel

Please remain standing and face the gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(12:16-30)

Glorify to you, O Lord.



¹⁶Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'
²²He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the

grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

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:

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles: this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel for the intercessions

Sick: Juliette Thompson, Ruby Wiseman, Ann Gurney, Mary Gregory, Rod Dowdell, John Lavelle, Nathan Edwards, Vickie Harris, John Burnapp, Dennis Dinsdale, Alice Burnapp, Joan Gould, John Allday, Sandy Walkington, Beth Bates

Departed: Bobby Wilson, Sylvia May, Richard Walker

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.

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The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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.

We will NOT be passing around a collection – however there will be a plate left at the end of the service, and it is possible to give on line or by standing order. PLEASE think about doing this, as like everybody we are facing financial uncertainty without our usual sources of income.

The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine

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Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home

to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

(Sung by choir alone:)

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

(Sung by choir alone:)

**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. Please bring any harvest gifts with you and leave them as indicated at the altar rail

Music during communion: (sung by St. Mary's Choir)

Thou visitest the earth, And blessest it,
And crownest the year
The year with thy goodness

Music by Maurice Greene

And the hymn sung by St Mary's Choir:

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

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:

**Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you
give us, and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

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

Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing:
For his mercies still endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun
Day by day his course to run:

And the silver moon by night,
Shining with her gentle light:

Praise him that he gave the rain
To mature the swelling grain:

And hath bid the fruitful field
Crops of precious increase yield:

Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing:
 Glory to the Father, Son,
 And blest Spirit, Three in One.

The priest says the blessing:

May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain
with you always, now and for ever. **Amen**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

The ministers and people depart.

The organist plays a voluntary: Now thank we all our God (Mache triomphale) by S Karg-Elert

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).

You are welcome to coffee after the service

Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Please sit in places set out – please observe social distancing. If possible leave chairs where they are, but if you move them return to places when you leave. Thank you.

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

Facebook page: St Mary's Church Welwyn

NOTICES

Licensing - The Rev'd Dominic-Holroyd Thomas will be licensed as priest-in-charge of St Andrew's Ampthill with St Michael's Millbrook and St Lawrence's Steppingly on **Tuesday 6th October. The licensing will be live-steamed on youtube.** You can find details of the link at www.welwyn.org.uk

St. Mary's Harvest Appeal - The massive explosion in Beirut that killed 150 people injured more than 5000 also destroyed hospitals and stores containing 85% of the country's grain and medical supplies. 300,000 people are now homeless having lost everything. Half of the population is facing starvation. We are therefore making the Christian Aid Lebanon crisis appeal our chosen harvest charity. As usual, we will be making a special collection at our harvest festival on October 4. If you will be attending in person you can give to the appeal using the Christian Aid envelopes. If we have obtained any or you can make your donation online using the link on the Virgin Money Giving part of the St Mary's website. If you will not be attending the harvest festival, please support this appeal which is particularly appropriate at our time of plenty!
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/welwynharvest2020>
Please do also bring dried goods for our local foodbank – there will instructions in next week's booklet as to how you can hand them over in a 'non-contact' manner.

Bike 'n' Hike – Reminder - If you intended to sponsor the St Mary's team in their various efforts, it's not too late! Owing to his mechanical failure, David still has a couple of stages of his JOGLE to complete next month but meanwhile, Peter Harris cycled 63 miles in four hours and the Geoff Cummings group completed the hike around the Welwyn team churches, a total distance just short of 16 miles. Sponsorship forms are on the table in church or you can sponsor the team using this link. Many thanks to all who have already given support which now totals over £1300. Fantastic!
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-church-welwyn>

Advance Notice of Memorial Service – Sunday 1st November 2-5pm

This year due to Covid restrictions, we will not be holding a formal service as in previous years. The church will be open for personal remembrance only. Prayers will be said every half hour. More details to follow next week.

Advance Notice of works - Monday 12th-Thursday 15th October - there will be flooring repair work taking place in the Church.

From Dominic - Forwarding address for Dominic & Daniel is:

The Rectory, 10 Church Avenue, Ampthill, Bedfordshire, MK45 2PN

Our Parish APCM will be on Wednesday 14th October in St Mary's Welwyn at 8pm. You can join in person or by zoom. Copies of the annual reports and the accounts are available on our web site www.welwyn.org.uk or hard copies from Welwyn church. Do please join us for this important meeting, where we will elect our churchwardens and PCC. Nominations for Churchwarden must be received prior to the meeting in writing. Nominations for the PCC can be taken from the floor.

This Week in the Welwyn Team – italics = on line (see website)

Today	6.30pm	Sacred Space at All Saints, Datchworth
Monday	9.30	Sewing Group
	5pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
	7-9pm	Teen Bible Study
	<i>9pm</i>	<i>Compline</i>
Tuesday	9.30	Community Café
	8.10	Morning Prayer at Codicote
	<i>7pm</i>	<i>Livestreaming of Dominic's licensing</i>
Wednesday	9.00	Morning Prayer
	9.30	Holy Communion
	2pm	Play & Praise
Thursday	9.30am	St. Mary's Yr 6 Harvest Festival Service
	10am	Knitting Group
	2.30pm	Funeral – Bobby Wilson – sorry attendance by invitation only, but please do remember Bobby, Liz and family in your prayers
	5.00	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
	<i>8pm</i>	<i>Book Group</i>
	<i>9pm</i>	<i>Compline</i>
Friday	9.30	Morning Prayer at Woolmer Green
	8.00pm	Choir practice
Saturday	9am	Parish Prayers
	10-11	Clergy Surgery & Fairtrade Café
Sunday 11th October		18th Sunday after Trinity
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30	Parish Communion
	2pm	Baptisms
	6.30	Evening Prayer

Readings for 11th October

Isaiah 25: 1-9, Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14

