

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

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 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 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 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:

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

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All could not for sin atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes are closed in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

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 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 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:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 Ezekiel (18:1-4, 25-32)
(Both readings by Anne Symonds)

²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel,
'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?'
³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in
Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of
the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.
²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is
my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn

away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians
(2:1-13)



¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as an organ fanfare greets the gospel

Please face the gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?'
²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.
²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe 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

Sick: Juliette Thompson, Ruby Wiseman, Ann Gurney, Mary Gregory,
Bobby Wilson, 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

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.

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

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things
come from you, and of your own do we give you. 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of
death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

**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.**

We say:

**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: Come, my way, my truth, my life by Vaughan Williams

Organ: Soeur Monique by Francois Couperin

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:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. 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:***

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluya.

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary: Alleluya.

Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored: Alleluya.

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: 'Little' Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 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).

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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Facebook page: St Marys Church Welwyn

NOTICES

Craftea - tomorrow from 3.30 to 5.00pm via Zoom. Please let us know if you are coming email craftea@welwyn.org.uk. and the Zoom ID will be sent.

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 yellow envelopes and marking them "harvest" or a Christian Aid envelope 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>

Choir Practice – restarts on Friday 2nd October at 8pm, welcome from 7.45pm.

Our warmest congratulations to **Kathryn Alford (2pm 26th) and Kirsty Wainwright (7pm 28th)** would will be ordained as deacon and priest respectively this weekend – sadly due to COVID19 restrictions congregations are not able to attend, but we wish them all the best and with much love from us.

From Dominic - Thank you – Daniel and I would like to thank you all for making our last Sunday in the Welwyn Team so special. As we move to Ampthill, we will take with us many fond memories, and the generous gifts you gave to us (a print of the Lucca Madonna by van Eyck and cash donation [which will come in mightily handy for furnishing the new Rectory]).

Forwarding address for Dominic & Daniel is:

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

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

Today	6.30pm	St. Michael's Patronal Taize Service
Monday	9.30	Sewing Group
	3.30pm	Craftea via Zoom
	5pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
	9pm	<i>Compline</i>
Tuesday	9.30	Community Café
	8.10	Morning Prayer at Codicote
Wednesday	9.00	Morning Prayer
	9.30	Holy Communion
Thursday	10am	Knitting Group
	1.30pm	Funeral – Richard Walker
	5.00	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
	9pm	<i>Compline</i>
Friday	9.30	Morning Prayer at Woolmer Green
	8.00pm	Choir practice restarts in Church
Saturday	9am	Parish Prayers
	10-11	Clergy Surgery & Fairtrade Café
Sunday 4th October		17th Sunday after Trinity
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30	Harvest Parish Communion
	6.30	Sacred Space at Datchworth

Readings for 4th October

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 & Luke 12:16-30