

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

**THE FEAST OF ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
SUNDAY 18TH 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 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:

Sung by the Choir - words for those at home to sing, and for reflection and humming for those in church)

Lord, thy church on earth is seeking
thy renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of thy love.
We would heed the great commission:
'Go now into every place –
preach, baptize, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace'.

Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife:
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell;
to all lands and peoples bringing
all the richness of the word,
till the world, thy praises singing,
hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord

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:

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.**

Both readings by Mike Carpenter

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (35.3-6)

3Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (4.5-17)

5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

9Do your best to come to me soon, 10for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. 12I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 14Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. 15You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

16At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as a fanfare announces the gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (10:1-9)
Glory to you, O Lord.

1The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for the Sermon:

The Rev'd Susannah Underwood, Team Vicar

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 led by Vicky

Sick: Juliette Thompson, Ruby Wiseman, Ann Gurney, 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, Graham Dixon, Audrey Taylor

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with Luke,
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.
In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sung by the Choir

**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: sung by the choir
'A prayer of St. Richard of Chichester'***

O holy Jesu, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly. Amen. *Music: L J White, arr A Bullard*

Communion Hymn, sung by virtual choir

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess in sweet communion
joys which earth cannot afford.

To the God whose wisdom made us,
to the Son who set us free,
to the sanctifying Spirit,
glory, endless glory, be!

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** sung by the **virtual choir**:*

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

'Praeludium in E minor' by D Buxtehude

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

Memorial Service – Sunday 1st November - 2-5pm

Every year we hold a memorial service on the feast of All Souls, sadly this year due to Covid restrictions, we will not be holding a formal service. The church will be open for personal remembrance only. You are invited to come in and light a candle and sit quietly for a time and there will be gentle music and prayers said in remembrance of our loved ones every half hour. **If you would like your loved one remembered by name, please email the office at secretary@welwyn.org.uk. Remember to state name & church, St. Mary's or Welwyn.**

Bike 'n 'Hike – Reminder – last notice - 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>

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

Today	6.30pm	Holy Communion at St. Peter's, Tewin
Monday	9.30	Sewing Group
	10.30	Walking Group
	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
	10.30	<i>Bible Study by Zoom</i>
	2pm	Play & Praise
Thursday	10am	Knitting Group
	5.00	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
	9pm	<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 25th October	Last Sunday of Trinity	
	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30	Parish Communion
	6.30	Evening Prayer at Welwyn

Readings for 25th October

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18,
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, Matthew 22: 34-end