

NOTICES:

COFFEE MORNING Thanks to everyone who helped with the coffee morning in May. It was another very successful social event. Is anyone available on Saturday 1st June or 13th July and be willing to be the coffee morning host and serve coffees/teas? Yes?! Great, please put your name on the list on the notice board at the back of church. Please speak to Marion (01525222478) for more information.

NORTH CHILTERNERS GROUP AGM - the NCG AGM will be taking place this *Tuesday, 21st May* at the Dunstable Downs Golf Club. The proceedings will begin with a buffet supper at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend - please let either Catherine or myself know by today. Chris Banks (221556).

HOLY COMMUNION 10.00am *Wednesday 22nd May*.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE - our monthly group will be meeting on this *Thursday, 23rd May* at 10.15 in the home of Diana Barry in Great Billington. Everyone will be made most welcome as we continue to explore the Gospel of Luke. Please call 01525 381273 if more information is required.

PRAYERS will be said at 9am, in Church, next Sunday, *26th May* for the community.

THY KINGDOM COME 2019 - A GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER 30TH MAY – 9TH JUNE

We will be joining the 'global wave of prayer' with thousands of other Christians across the world which is really exciting! There will be morning and evening prayer gatherings in church at 10.00am and 6.00pm between 30th May – 9th June. The exceptions will be our Ascension Service at 7.30 30th May; Prayer and Praise at Dagnall at 7.30 4th June and an exciting Beacon Celebration Service at St Albans Abbey 6.30 9th June. Everyone is welcome to join in and it's hoped that all who participate will deepen their friendship with Jesus whilst praying for others. A rota will be placed at the back of church on the bookcase, please sign up to lead a session. A booklet will be provided to help lead the prayers, if you have not done it before then please see Chriss Hewitt. Lots more information can be found at www.thykingdomcome.global or ask your PCC.

MESSY CHURCH meets in Church, *Tuesday 28th May* 11am-1pm. Involves singing, craft, fun, worship and sharing of food. It's called Messy Church because you can get Messy

Hymn

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.

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If you have love one for another.



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

19TH MAY 2019 EASTER 5

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Worship for Everyone – Non Eucharistic

10.30am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

HYMNS:

487, 130, A New Commandment (pew leaflet), 54, 468

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5, John 14:23-29 OR John 5:1-9

If you usually receive communion in a Christian, Church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. If you are not a communicant, please come to the altar rail for a blessing, carrying the service book with you.

COFFEE is served at the back of the church after the 10.00am service.

Please stay and meet other members of our parish.

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousins (01525 220261)

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday. Please do not contact her on that day unless very urgent.

Churchwardens: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)
Angela Dunford (01525 221944)

Notices for inclusion in next week's
Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion at
mdhmsh@btinternet.com
or (01525 222478)
by 6pm on Thursday please.



COLLECT:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1–18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

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

earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31–35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

R: Glory to you, O Lord

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***R: Praise to you, O Christ***

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Bishops Stortford.

Among those who have died recently, we pray especially for Ronald Gealy and James Sumerfield; their families and friends. Ronald Gealy’s funeral will be held tomorrow, 20th May at 2pm.

At their year’s mind, we remember Lilian Bunker, Christopher Ashman, Samuel Twivy, Ida Hall, Alec Bates, Monty Dunsby, Louisa Rowland and Russ Sullivan.