

NOTICES:

SICK LIST Today is the second, of two Sundays when you can put names onto this month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the Prayer Board at the front of the Church. Please note – names are not brought forward automatically, unless Marion has been asked to do so.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP meets this week, *3rd September*, at 1.30pm at Ashridge Cottage. We welcome newcomers – if you would like to join us, please see Eileen Bennett.

HOLY COMMUNION 10.00am *Wednesday 4th September*

COFFEE MORNING here this *Saturday, 7th September* 10.30am – 12noon. This is the way to start a Saturday – coffee, cake and a natter with friends! Hope to see you there!

CHURCHYARD GARDENING PARTY. First of all congratulations from the Archdeacon to all those who have helped keep the churchyard "in pristine condition". We meet again this *Saturday, 7th September* to prepare for the visit of the dignitaries for the Patronal Festival on 8th September. Start at 10.30 am. Look forward to seeing you there! Refreshments supplied. Thank you. Iain Stubbs

NORTH CHILTERN'S GROUP QUIET MORNING this *Saturday, 7th September* at St Mary's Church, Redbourn – commencing at 9.30am. Led by the Revd Canon Liz Hughes. Please let Joy, Catherine or Angela know by Tuesday 3rd September if you would like to go, so that necessary arrangements can be made with Redbourn church.

CELEBRATION EUCHARIST FOR OUR 800 YEARS and Patronal Service. On the *8th September* Bishop Richard will lead this special service. The Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff and Mayor of Dunstable will be coming; also Coralie, Roger Davis and Malcolm. After the service, photographs will be taken while refreshments are served.

A REMINDER about the **Annual Bike & Hike** on *Saturday September 14th*. There is still an empty slot on the Church manning rota on the Notice Board. Please volunteer for this slot or to double-up with others so that we can properly welcome visitors. Peter Bennett (01525 221284)

HARVEST LUNCH. Join with friends at our Parish Lunch in the village hall on *Sunday, 15th September* to celebrate this year's Harvest. Tickets available for £7 from Catherine Hayden.

FLOWER FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENING tickets for this, on *Friday September 20th* at 7pm-9pm, price £10, which includes wine, canapés and music are now available from Angela Dunford, 01525 221944 or angela.dunford29@gmail.com

FLOWER FESTIVAL RAFFLE - Is anyone able to donate chocolate, wine, biscuits or similar to add to Hampers for the Raffle? Please give to Barbara Morton or the churchwardens.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 TRINITY 11

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

10.00am – Baptism with Holy Communion

HYMNS:

375, 508, 253, 362

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from **New Standard Revised Version**

1 Chronicles 29:6-19, Ephesians 2:19-22, John 2:13-22

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 Cousans (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.



NOTICES CONTINUED:

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF BEDFORDSHIRE MERYL DOLLING has sent an invitation for two guests to the 'High Sheriff's Justice Service' at St Paul's Church, Bedford. This is on *Sunday 22nd September* at 3.00pm following on afterwards at The Corn Exchange Bedford. If anyone is interested in accepting the invitation then please see Angela Dunford for more details.

VACANCY

Youth Missioner – Lay or Ordained

- **Are you passionate about young people experiencing the love of God at work in their lives?**
- **Do you have the vision and strategic skills to enable more churches to grow the faith of more young people?**

At this exciting time in the Diocese of St Albans we are seeking to appoint a collaborative, imaginative and emotionally intelligent leader to strategically enable flourishing engagement with young people in the majority of parishes / benefices across the diocese leading to a significantly increased number of young people growing in faith in Christ and being fully embraced into the life of God's church.

This is a full-time post to work with parishes through mission action planning, fresh expressions of church, community engagement and schools.

Salary in the range £38,146 - £41,391, plus generous pension.

Closing Date: Wednesday 25 September 2019, 12 noon

Further details available from www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/

Applications to The Diocesan Secretary, Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 1HE or by email to diocese@stalbens.anglican.org

COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 2: 4-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is

my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

R: Glory to you, O Lord

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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 Province of Canterbury in England and in our own diocese, the Bishop of Bedford.

At their year's mind, we remember Maisie Fountaine, Hilda Bennet, Joan Winch, Gillian O'Dowd and Dorothy Baines.