

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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
13TH JUNE 2021**

8am Said Eucharist

**9.30am Parish Eucharist
(Common Worship Order 1)**

**Welcome to church – it's great you are here.
We think of those still shielding.**

**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.***

***Please note the service is being livestreamed on
St Mary's Church Welwyn YouTube Channel***

THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:

Unfortunately the big difference is that we have to ask you not to sing! However the choir are able to lead our singing. Please remain seated.

For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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:

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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 (17:22-24)
(read by Catherine Baxendale)



²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I

make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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



A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5.6-17)

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to face the gospel, which is greeted with an organ fanfare

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (4:26-34)

Glorify to you, O Lord.



Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet

when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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: Ruby Wiseman, Ann Gurney, John Lavelle, Vickie Harris, Alice Burnapp, Joan Gould, John Allday, Beth Bates, Pauline Lebeau, Joan Webb, Graeme Emery, Dave Perriman

Departed: Daphne Smart & Bryan Parkes

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.

The choir sings 'Word of God renew your people':

Word of God, renew your people,
make us now your living sign.
*Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.*

Word of hope and Word of healing,
Make us now your living sign. Recreate...

Word of peace and Word of justice,
Make us now your living sign. Recreate...

God alone the power we trust in,
Make us now your living sign. Recreate...

The collection plate is not being passed round during the offertory hymn at the moment. Please support the work of your parish church by leaving your donation on the plate as you leave at the end of the service, or by donating online on the church's website www.welwyn.org.uk. Thank you.

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:

The choir sings:

**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**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**



*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).*

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.**

Music during communion:
Anthem: 'A Clare Benediction' by John Rutter

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:***

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind-- the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely
be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

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:

'Paeon' by Kenneth Leighton

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).

All are welcome to coffee in Church House.

Please sanitize hands on entry, respect social distance and wear masks when not seated at a table.

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 Marys Church Welwyn*

NOTICES

Change of address for Catherine & Stephen Jupp - from June 7th

Hillside Cottage, 181 High Street, Codicote, Herts, SG4 8UD

Mobiles and email addresses remain the same **but no landline number**

Stuart : 07825673021 & Catherine: 07811255311

Monday Patchwork Club & Walking Group – re-starting Monday 21st June

Kathryn Alford's Ordination

Please pray for Kathryn as she is ordained on Saturday 26th June.

Chester the white pony - Sadly we have heard today that Chester the white pony who accompanied the Palm Sunday procession every year for many years has died aged 34. We send our condolences to Kelly, his owner.

Plants - Jackie Davis has some small pepper, cucumber, marrow and tomato plants which she would be very happy to pass on in return for a donation to St. Michael's church. Please give Jackie a ring on 01438 815650 if you would like some of these.

Ladies Lunches - It is with some sadness that we have decided to finish the Ladies' Lunches. They have been held several times a year, for some 15 years and we have had quite a variety of speakers. At the beginning we purchased the food and served it ourselves but in recent times Maria of Fizz Catering has been supplying delicious lunches. These events have continued to be popular but of course since Covid we have been unable to hold them. We felt that the decision had to be made now. The committee thank you all for your support. Joyce Lund

Bryan Parkes – We are indebted to him for designing and producing the three different versions of the nativity scene which have alternately adorned the glass porch doors at the church for over 10 years or so. Bryan also produced a wonderful depiction for the 100th centenary of World War 1 in 2018. They were all hand painted on his conservatory floor. We send our condolences to Anne and the family. RIP Bryan.

Feedback from Lent Groups - Saturday 10th July at 10.30am in CH

Feedback from the Lent Groups suggested that many were struck by its contents and wanted to in some way, follow up the issues involved. In order to find out how we might best do that, we are very pleased that Su Blanch has agreed to facilitate an open-to-all meeting that morning. The meeting will last from 10.30-12, do come along.



Diary of Weekly Events

Sunday 13th June	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Monday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at Tewin
	9.00pm	<i>Compline on line</i>
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Codicote
	10.00am	Community Café
Wednesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Welwyn
	9.30am	Eucharist at Welwyn
	10.30am	<i>Bible Study via zoom</i>
	2.00pm	Play and Praise
Thursday	5pm	Evening Prayer at Datchworth
	9pm	<i>Compline on line</i>
Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer at WG
	6.15pm	Welwyn Tune
	7.45pm	Choir
Saturday	9.00am	Parish Prayers at Welwyn
	10.00am	Clergy Surgery
	10-11am	Coffee & Fairtrade Cafe
Sunday 20th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Tewin

Next Week's Readings: Job 38: 1-11, 2 Cor 6: 1-13, Mark 4: 35-41