

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

**THE FEAST OF PENTECOST  
SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021**

**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.**

**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 the choir are able to lead our singing. Please remain seated and hum along.*

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place  
where-in the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

*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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**bring strength, healing and peace.**

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
All **Let us praise and bless God for ever.**

*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:

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
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 (37:1-14)  
(read by Peter Lee)

1The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' 4Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I will lay sinews on you, and

will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’ 7So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ 10I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21)



1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one

another, 'What does this mean?' 13But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17" In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the gospel, which is greeted with an organ fanfare:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(15.26-27; 16.4b-15)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



Jesus spoke to his disciples: <sup>26</sup>When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup>I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you,

but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for the **Sermon:** The Rev'd Dr David Munchin, 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

**Departed:** Robert Hill, Poppy Richards, 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:*

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

2 Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our mortal sight.

3 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but one;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:



4 Praise to thine eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*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](http://www.welwyn.org.uk). Thank you.*

*The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine*

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world. **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, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.  
This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one  
faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,

and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

***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**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



*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).*

*Music during communion:*  
**Anthem: 'Come, Holy Ghost' by Thomas Attwood**

*We pray together:*

**Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest gives the notices and reads the banns of marriage.*

*We sit and hum along to the **hymn sung by the choir:***

1 When God of old came down from heaven,  
In power and wrath he came'  
Before His feet the clouds were riven,  
Half darkness and half flame;

3 The fires that rush'd on Sinai down  
In sudden torrents dread,  
Now gently light, a glorious crown,  
On every sainted head.

5 So, when the Spirit of our God  
Came down His flock to find,  
A voice from heaven was heard abroad,  
A rushing mighty wind.

6 It fills the Church of God; it fills  
The sinful world around;  
Only in stubborn hearts and wills  
No place for it is found.

7 Come Lord, come Wisdom, Love, and Power,  
Open our ears to hear;  
Let us not miss the accepted hour;  
Save, Lord, by love or fear.

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Welwyn, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

*The priest says the blessing ending:*

...be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

**The organist plays a voluntary:** *Allegro con brio (1st movement from Sonata No 4 on B flat) by Mendelssohn*

**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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Facebook page: St Marys Church Welwyn

**NOTICES**

Please could any notices for the pew sheets be sent to the office at  
[secretary@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:secretary@welwyn.org.uk) before Tuesdays 12noon.

Thank you – Team Secretary

**Refreshments after 9.30am Service today**

We will be able to serve coffee after the 9.30am Service on Sundays starting today, but will need to ask that we stay well apart and sit in the seats carefully arranged around the tables. Inevitably we are currently rather short of volunteers to make and serve the drinks. If you are able to help, please speak to Veronne Allan, who kindly arranges the rotas, or to me. The usual frequency is one Sunday every two months' but it may need to be slightly more often. We are conscious that new volunteers will need guidance, particularly over operating equipment in the kitchen. Thank you in anticipation. Stuart Westley

**We are very thankful to Jane Carr** for the twice weekly bulletins she has provided over the last year, as well as keeping the website up to date. Jane would now like to hand this work over to other(s). A fair degree of computer literacy is needed, though there is help at hand. If anyone would be interested in keeping up this important work, please contact the Rector. There is also a need to think about communications more generally as this now involves not just website and emails, but also social media etc. If you are interested in helping with any of these, also do please get in touch with the Rector. Social media is such that even if you don't use it much, it is fairly simple, and it would also suit someone who, in a small team, would like to 'learn on the job.'

**Bryan Parkes** – Sad!, Bryan died last weekend. 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A note of thanks** - Alice and I would like to say thank you to everyone for praying for us over the last 12 months. Alice will remain on the prayer list, she has been making slow but steady progress since her discharge from the Lister hospital at the end of February and is gradually getting better. I have taken myself off the prayer list as I am now well and will soon have the feeling back in my hand after the operation in July last year. Thank you all once again, your prayers have been so important to us. John Burnapp.

### **June Organ recital will be 12<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am**

Physical audiences are allowed do come along and enjoy.  
This will also be live streamed.

**St Mary's Football Team** - Congratulations to the football team who despite a difficult season have ended up champions of the Herts and Borders league. A splendid away win against Ruislip last Saturday secured the title with a game in hand! A full season's report will be available in the Welwyn Magazine in due course.

### **Activities re-starting back in Church House**

Monday Patchwork Club - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

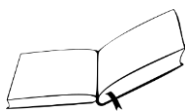
Walking Group – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Men's Breakfast** - The next online session **will be held on 5 June**. The speaker is the excellent Geoffrey Hollis on "The 1951 Festival of Britain". If you are not already on Men's Breakfast Mailing list and would like to be, please contact Jim Read [jimread55@gmail.com](mailto:jimread55@gmail.com).

### **Feedback from Lent Groups**

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in Church House**

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**

<b>Sunday 23rd May</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Monday	5.00pm <i>9.00pm</i>	Evening Prayer at Tewin <i>Compline on line</i>
Tuesday	8.30am <b>10.00am</b>	Morning Prayer at Codicote <b>Community Café</b>
Wednesday	9.00am 9.30am <i>10.30am</i> <b>12noon</b>	Morning Prayer at Welwyn Eucharist at Welwyn <i>Bible Study via zoom</i> <b>Funeral – Daphne Smart</b>
Thursday	5pm <i>9pm</i>	Evening Prayer at Datchworth <i>Compline on line</i>
Friday	9.30am 6.15pm 7.45pm	Morning Prayer at WG Welwyn Tune Choir
Saturday	9.00am 10.00am	Parish Prayers at Welwyn Clergy Surgery

### **Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday**

8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer

### **Next Week's Readings:**

Isaiah 6: 1-8  
Romans 8: 12-17  
John 3: 1-17