

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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT  
SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**8am Said Eucharist  
9.30am Parish Eucharist,  
With Activity Based Church and Crèche  
(Common Worship Order 1)**

***Welcome! If you are new to this church please introduce yourself to one of the clergy and take a newcomers' leaflet. There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids. All children, regular and visitors, are welcome to Activity Based Church and Crèche***

***Hymns can be found in the Green Hymn Books  
Please join in the words in **Bold** in the order of service***

**THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:**

*Please stand to sing **HYMN 333, All my hope on God is founded***

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 deacon 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*

*'What are we thinking about today?'*

*– then Activity Based Church leaves for Church House*

*We remain standing to sing:*

**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 have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

*We sit to listen to this Sunday's bible readings.*



A reading from the Book of Genesis (1:1-2:3),  
(read by Jenny Wiseman)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so.

<sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' <sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and

female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' <sup>29</sup>God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:18-25),  
(read by Vicki Harris)

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, <sup>21</sup>in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing the **HYMN:***



When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old  
He was gentle and brave he was gallant and bold  
With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand  
For God and for valour he rode through the land

No charger have I, and no sword by my side  
Yet still to adventure and battle I ride  
Though back into storyland giants have fled  
And the knights are no more and the dragons are dead

Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed  
Against the dragons of anger the ogres of greed  
And let me set free with the sword of my youth  
From the castle of darkness the power of the truth

*Please remain standing and face the gospel:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(6:25-34)

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**



Jesus taught his disciples, saying: <sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

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 led by John Burnapp*

***Intentions for prayer: The sick:*** *Shem Biran, Alice Burnapp, Sheila Edmondson, Edward Dunsterville, Catherine England, John Farrow, Roger Francis, Charlotte Grandville, Mary Gregory Anne Gurney, Doreen Hakansson, Sue Keach, Audrey Taylor and Linda Thistlethwaite*

***Departed:*** *Agnes Ingram, Wendy Wiggins, Ethel Moore, Nigel McNaught*

*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.**

*We share the peace with our neighbours*

*We sing the **HYMN***



*During the hymn a collection is taken, and the altar prepared.*

*You can also donate online at [www.welwyn.org.uk](http://www.welwyn.org.uk) or give by standing  
order. If you are a tax-payer, Gift Aid envelopes are available in the  
pews; by completing the details you will enable us to increase the value  
of your donation by 25%.*

Affirm anew the threefold name  
of Father, Spirit, Son,  
our God whose saving acts proclaim  
a world's salvation won.  
In him alone we live and move  
and breath and being find,  
the wayward children of his love  
who cares for humankind.

Declare in all the earth his grace,  
to every heart his call,  
the living Lord of time and place  
whose love embraces all.  
So shall his endless praise be sung,  
his teaching truly heard,  
and every culture, every tongue,  
receive his timeless word.

Confirm our faith in this our day  
amid earth's shifting sand,  
with Christ as life and truth and way,  
a rock on which to stand;  
the one eternal Son and Lord  
by God the Father given,  
the true and life-imparting word,  
the way that leads to heaven.

Renew once more the ancient fire,  
let love our hearts inflame;  
renew, restore, unite, inspire  
the church that bears your name;  
one name exalted over all,  
one Father, Spirit, Son,  
O grant us grace to heed your call  
and in that name be one.

*The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine, and the people respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever**

### **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, ..

... we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, ...

... 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.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again**



Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, ...

... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty 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.**

*We sing:*

**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 move for communion following the direction of the stewards. All are welcome to come to the rail. Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the wine, all others are welcome to come for a blessing (please indicate this by crossing your arms and bowing your head).*

***During communion the choir sings the anthem 'Sing we merrily' music by Malcolm Archer, words from Psalm 81:***

*Sing we merrily unto God our strength:  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.*

*Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret:  
the merry harp with the lute.*

*Blow up the trumpet in the moon:  
e'en in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.*

*For this was made a statute for Israel,  
and a law of the God of Jacob.*

*And then we sing the **HYMN:***

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.  
Chorus:

Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live His way;  
we need Your power, we need Your strength, following Christ  
each day.  
Chorus:

*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.**

*ABC show us their work, and the notices and banns of marriage are given*

*Then we stand to sing **HYMN:***

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

*Chorus: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.....

Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying .....

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving .....

*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 – Choral Song by S S Wesley***



*All are welcome to stay for refreshments in New Church House.*

*Please take this booklet with you book.*



**Parish Office:** secretary@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 840964

**Monday and Tuesday 9am-1pm**

**Friday 9am-12pm.**

**CLOSED ON Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Clergy surgery** (particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms) is open on Saturday 10-11am, when coffee is also served in Church House.

**The Rector:** The Rev'd Dr David Munchin, rector@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 714150

**The Curate:** The Rev'd Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, curate@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 813043

Further information: [www.welwyn.org.uk](http://www.welwyn.org.uk); 'The Welwyn Magazine';  
Facebook page: St Mary's Church, Welwyn Twitter: wsm\_church

**Bible Discovery** A final meeting before Lent groups take over. On **Wednesday 19th February** we'll be exploring Bible characters chosen and presented by our groups' members. As usual we meet at 1, Codicote Road, Welwyn, 7.45 for refreshments, 8.00 start and ending at 9.30pm. Enjoyment guaranteed, and a warm welcome. More details from Mike and Gay: 718439 [gay.carpenter@icloud.com](mailto:gay.carpenter@icloud.com)

**Time for God - Friday 15th February at 9.30am.** Buddhism is the topic for our next Time for God meeting which will be held in Church House. Do come and join us if you are interested. At our meetings we discuss a variety of topics.

**Palm Crosses** – If anybody has palm crosses from last year, please could you hand to Linda Dobbs. Thank you.

**Help needed with worship** - The Rector and Organist are thinking of getting together a small group of instrumentalists to help lead worship on occasions – any instrumentalists – guitars, flutes, clarinets, tubas etc. – do let the Rector know either by dropping an email to [davidmunchin@outlook.com](mailto:davidmunchin@outlook.com).

**Community Lunch - Monday February 24th at 12.30pm.** To reserve a place please put **£12** in an envelope together with your name, telephone number and diet requirements. Reservations until the 20th February. Envelopes can be handed to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop. **Please note the increase in price.**

**Mission Action Plan** - Please take time to look at our Mission Action Plan on the Diocesan Website – thinking about how you might be involved in the mission and ministry of this church. If you don't have access to the web here are the headlines: a '10 big questions' course in the autumn, more involvement in Welwyn Week, engaging with newly built houses, Lent course and sermon series looking at environmental healing.

**Accident reporting** - Just a reminder – if you are in church or church house leading a group and there is an accident, please record it on an accident report form in the middle vestry where you can also find a first aid kit. If you have a problem with that please report to a churchwarden or Rector.

**Fairtrade** - The profit figure for 2019 has been confirmed: a surplus of **£1,032**. This is the profit made from sales of fairtrade goods and donations for refreshments each week. As in previous years, we're donating it to **Traidcraft Exchange**, as part of the church's annual giving, to help with the charity's work in the poorest countries around the world helping people trade their way out of poverty. Thanks for your support. Maggie Varco.

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter** - Please ensure you have a copy **Lent, Holy Week and Easter leaflet** with all the details of Lent groups, services and activities over this period. You can attend a Lent group with or without reading a copy of the Lent book, but if you would like to buy a copy of the book to read, the Rector has a small number of 'Saying to Yes to Life', by Ruth Valerio (the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book) at £7.00.

**Amazing Response** - The speaker at last Saturday's Ladies Lunch was Wendy Howson. Her power point presentation detailed the wonderful work that her charity "Spotlight on Africa" is doing in North East Uganda. In addition to the usual donation to the speakers chosen charity the ladies organised an impromptu collection. The total raised at the lunch was £300. Wendy was absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of the ladies following her talk and said that she will never forget their spontaneous gesture of giving to support her charity.

### **This Week in the Welwyn Team**

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Tewin</b>
<b>Monday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am <b>10.30am</b>	Sewing Group <b>Walking Group</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Community Café
<b>Wednesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00am 9.00am <b>2.00pm</b> <b>8.00pm</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	Breakfast Bible Study Morning Prayer & 9.30am Eucharist <b>Play &amp; Praise</b> <b>Bible Discovery at the Carpenters</b> <b>Team Council Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Knitting Group
<b>Friday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> 6.30pm 7.45pm	<b>Time for God – at Codicote</b> <b>Monread Care Home Service</b> Welwyn Tune Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10-11am 10-11.30	Clergy Surgery in the Office Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	8.00am 9.30am <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> Holy Eucharist Parish Eucharist <b>Evensong</b>

### **Next week's Readings**

Exodus 24: 12-end  
2 Peter 1: 16-end  
Matthew 17: 1-9



