

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 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 the **HYMN 362,**
Glorious things of thee are spoken*



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

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We remain standing to sing:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



The priest pronounces God's forgiveness

'What are we thinking about today?'
- then Activity Based Church leaves for Church House

We remain standing for the collect:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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**

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



A reading from the Book of Exodus (17:1-7) (read by Joan Webb)

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'
⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on

the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-11),
(read by Stuart Westley)



¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



We stand to sing the **HYMN**:

- 1- As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

*Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone will my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you*

2- I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye, *Chorus*

3- You're my friend and you're my brother
Even though you are a king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything, *Chorus*

Please stand and face the gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (4:5-42)
Glory to you, O Lord.



⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.'¹⁸Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands,

and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ ¹⁹The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ ²¹Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ ²⁵The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ ²⁶Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’

³²But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’

³³So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ ³⁴Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

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 led by Fiona MacDonald

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

Departed: Margaret Swift, Sheila Edmondson

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, HOWEVER due to
Coronavirus for the next few weeks, we do so verbally and with
other non-contact modes of expression.***

*We sing the **HYMN 390, Jesus, where'er thy people meet***



*During the hymn a collection is taken, and the altar prepared.
The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine
You can also donate online at 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%.*

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
we ask this in his name. **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 and good to give you thanks and praise, ...

... with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels 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.**



We praise and bless you, loving Father, ...

... we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day ...

... 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.**

We sing:

**Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer 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.**

**We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have
mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of
your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.**



*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, all others are
welcome to come for a blessing (please indicate this by crossing
your arms and bowing your head).*

***NB For the next few weeks due to Coronavirus we receive the
bread alone, without wine.***

A full and valid expression of the sacrament.

*During communion the choir sings the anthem, music by H Howells,
Words by Robert Bridges:*

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace :

No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above :

'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire,

Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.

And then we sing the **HYMN: 424,**
O love divine how sweet thou art

We pray together:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We sit as ABC show us their work, and the notices, and banns of marriage are announced.

*Then we stand to sing the **HYMN 376, I heard the voice***

The priest says the blessing ending:

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul:

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

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***The organist plays a voluntary: Chorale Prelude:
An Wasserflussen Babylon by J S Bach***

All are welcome to stay for refreshments in Church House.

Please take this booklet with you.

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; 'The Welwyn Magazine';

Facebook page: St Mary's Church, Welwyn Twitter: wsm_church

Notices/Events taking place across the Team

Funeral – Margaret Swift's funeral will be held on Friday 20th March at 12.30pm, followed by a reception in Church House. All are welcome.

Mothering Sunday - Those attending the 9.30am service on Sunday 22 March are asked **not to use** the Wellington Car Park that morning which is required for their customers' use. Thank you.

Mothering Sunday - We will, as usual, be providing posies for Mothering Sunday. If you can spare an hour or so to help prepare these, that would be most helpful. We will get together in Church House on **Saturday 21 March from 10am**. Everything will be provided. Jenny Wiseman

We are delighted that the **Rev'd Dr Justin Lewis-Anthony** has been temporarily licensed to the Welwyn Team for about two months until he moves to be Vicar of Chingford. In particular Justin will be leading the worship at Welwyn on Good Friday from 12-1.30 – leading us through **The Passion of Christ in Art**. Justin has written several books, including 'Circle of Thorns' a book reflecting on the painting of the same name by Bosch.

Mothering Sunday 22nd March - There will be a special collection at the Mothering Sunday Service. This year it's for Home Start (www.home-startherts.org.uk) which is based in Stevenage and is particularly relevant to mothers as it provides support to those who struggle in situations as diverse as isolation, depression, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting is a struggle. Home Start currently has an acute need for our financial support, so please give generously. If you will not be at the Mothering Sunday service and would like to donate please put your money in a yellow envelope and market clearly, "Home-Start". Geoff Cummings

Easter Lilies – If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Easter Lilies in remembrance or thanksgiving, please find the leaflets and envelopes on the crossing table. We plan to decorate the church this Easter with spring flowers and blossom and the Easter Lily display at the altar and high altar is always an important and special part of this. The latest date to receive these requests is **Sunday 5th April** (Palm Sunday). Jenny Wiseman

Lists for Passover Meal & Monday Pilgrimage – these are now on the crossover table. Please put your name down if you are attending.

Christian Aid Lent Lunch - Please join us on **Thursday April 2nd 12.00 -1.30pm at Church House**, Welwyn, just turn up. There will be no charge just a donation to help Christian Aid beat Poverty. Sue Keach.

Any help **bundling Easter Cards next Saturday** at 10am in Church House, would be appreciated – free coffee and stuff Many hands make light work.

Community Lunch - Monday March 23rd at 12.30pm. To reserve a place put **£12** in an envelope, with your name, telephone number and diet requirements. Reservations until **18th March**. Envelopes to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 4th April - 8:00am for 8:15am. Our guest speaker will be **Alan McNab** who will give a talk **"Restoring Classic Bugattis"**. Alan's passion for restoring classic cars is well known. He has owned a variety of rallying & racing classics and is a member of the Bugatti Owners Club. Please book your place now through your usual ticketers or call in to the Danesbury Shop in Welwyn High Street. Jim Read.

Ladies' Lunch - Saturday 25th April at 12.30 pm when our talk will be "The Ward Beadles of the City of London" given by Richard Darby, who is himself a Ward Beadle. He will tell us about this ancient elected office and its major part in the running of the City of London. Tickets, £14.00 including lunch, will be available after the 9.30 p.m. service from 29th March.

This week in the Welwyn Team

Tonight	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Tewin
Monday	9.30am	Sewing Group
	10.30am	Walking Group
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Tuesday	9.30am	Community Café
	7.00pm	Reflection on 'Messy Church' in CH
Wednesday	8.00am	Breakfast Bible Study
	9am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Eucharist
	2.00pm	Play & Praise
Thursday	10.00am	Knitting Group
Friday	9.30am	Time for God at Codicote
	11.00am	Monread Care Home service
	12.30pm	Funeral of Margaret Swift followed by reception in Church House
	6.30pm	Welwyn Tune / 7.45pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9.00am	Safeguarding training (Diocesan led) in CH
	10-11am	Councillors Surgery
	10-11am	Easter Card bundling
	10-11am	Clergy Surgery in the Office
	10-11.30	Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House
Sunday 22nd March		4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday
	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30am	All Age Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong

Next week's Readings:

Mothering Sunday: 1 Samuel 12:20-end, Luke 2:33-35