

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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY 8TH 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 238,**
New every morning is the love***



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,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 Genesis (12:1-4a)
(read by Mike Carpenter)

¹The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17),
(read by Gay Carpenter)



¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the **HYMN 64, Be thou my guardian and my guide**

Please stand and face the gospel



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(3:1-17)

Glory to you, O Lord.



¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is

spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for the Sermon: Usha Hull, Reader

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 Colin Hull

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: *Margaret Swift*

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:***

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine

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.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. 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 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 by J Harrison:
Open thy gates to him, who weeping waits, and might come in, but that held back by sin. Let mercy be so kind, to set me free, and I will strait come in.

*and then we sing the **HYMN:***

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many souls to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers ...

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that 'it is finished'

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

We pray together:

**Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
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:***



To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice;

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

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.

The organist plays a voluntary

Kyrie from the Requiem by W A Mozart, arr. Lloyd

*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
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Notice Re Corona Virus - In the light of the global attempt to contain corona virus the Church of England is asking **all communicants to follow these guidelines until further notice:**

- + Those who have cold or flu-like symptoms are asked to receive bread only.
- + Communion bread/wafers must not be intincted (dipped) into the chalice.
- + It is church teaching that receiving only the bread is a full and valid communion.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter – pick up the leaflet with all the details of Lent groups, services and activities over this period. **Lent groups** – There are various groups meeting around the team. The material is available free of charge – look for the booklet with a colour picture of the Lent book on the front. It is also available on the web. 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.

Addition to Ministry - 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.

Tonight at 6.30pm at St Mary's Welwyn there will be a very special service of music, readings, prayer and reflection for the beginning of Lent. All are welcome to attend.

Craftea is in Church House **tomorrow** from 3.30 to 5.00pm. All KS1 and KS2 children welcome with their parent/ carer to join in activities, stories, and have a cooked tea with a very friendly group of children and parents/ carers. Please let us know if you are coming email craftea@welwyn.org.uk. Cost £2.50

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.

Church Fellowship - Tuesday 10th March at 2.30pm in Church House when Amy Reynolds will tell us about "My Life in Embroidery". Do come and join us. There will be tea and cakes.

Did you know that St Michael's Church in Woolmer Green has an open churchyard? Each year, before the grass cutting begins, we have a 'tidy up'. This year it will be on **Saturday 14th March between 10am and 12noon**. All welcome to help!

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 4th April at 8:00am for 8:15am. Our guest speaker will be **Alan McNab** who will give a talk entitled "**Restoring Classic Bugattis**". Alan's passion for restoring classic cars is well known. He has owned a variety of rallying and racing classics and is an active member of the Bugatti

Owners Club. He will share some of his passion and devotion to this fascinating topic. Please book your place now through your usual ticketers or call in to the Danesbury Shop in Welwyn High Street. Jim Read.

Church House Kitchen - the annual deep clean of the kitchen in Church House will take place on **Friday 13 March** from **12 noon probably until late afternoon**. We will endeavour to minimise inconvenience to other users of Church House. It will be necessary to ensure that the kitchen is completely empty, with all appliances disconnected, before work commences and to ensure everything is returned to normal afterwards. If anyone were able to assist with either task (or both) that would be enormously appreciated. Stuart Westley

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 from today until 18th March. Envelopes to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop.

Creation in Lent – Sunday 8th March at St. Peter’s, Tewin. There will be a local Art & Craft display relating to Creation and our care of creation. Do come along and view the items created by members of our congregation, school and wider community. The church is open daily. Rev’d Underwood.

Diary for the Welwyn Team

Tonight	6.30pm	Special choral service for Lent
Monday	9.30am	Sewing Group
	3.30pm	Craftea
Tuesday	9.30am	Community Café
	2.30pm	Church Fellowship in church house
	5.30pm	Beavers visit
Wednesday	8.00am	Breakfast Bible Study
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist
	10.30am	Lent Group
	2.00pm	Book Group
Thursday	10.00am	Knitting Group
	8.00pm	Book Club
Friday	9.30am	Time for God
	12-5pm	Deep Clean of CH Kitchen
	6.30pm	Welwyn Tune
	7.45pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10-11am	Clergy Surgery in the Office
	10-11.30	Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House
Sunday 15th March		3rd Sunday of Lent
	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Tewin

Next week’s Readings, Exodus 17: 1-7, Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42