

St Mary the Virgin & All Saints, Potters Bar**15th October 2017****The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*A warm welcome to St Mary's
especially if this is your first time here.*

*Refreshments are served after Family Communion.
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.*

TODAY'S SERVICES8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**10.00am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

*A warm welcome this morning to the family and
friends of **Rex Robins** who will be baptised during the
Family Communion service. It is also very good to
welcome back **Fr Gareth Randall** as our preacher.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25 vv 1-9 *A song of
praise. God will make provision for all His people, and they will
rejoice in His reign.*

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4 vv 1-9 *St Paul
speaks of the joy and peace which belief in Jesus brings.*

Gospel: Matthew 22 vv 1-14 *Jesus tells the parable of the
marriage feast.*

Hymns: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
(words Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
overleaf) Seek ye first the kingdom of God
The King of love my shepherd is
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

6.30pm **Evensong at Christ Church, Little Heath**

*Our flowers have been arranged by Pearl Shepherd
and donated by Ann & Peter Goldfinch*

The Week Ahead**Tuesday - Friday** Morning Prayer at 9.00am**Tuesday - Friday** Evening Prayer at 5.00pm**Tuesday** **St Ignatius**

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00pm Barnet Deanery Synod meets at
St Stephen's, Bells HillGuest speaker: The Bishop of Hertford**Wednesday** **St Luke the Evangelist**

2.00pm Mayfair Lodge Service

Thursday **Henry Martyn (translator, missionary)**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Saturday 7.30pm **QUIZ NIGHT****Next Sunday** is the **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

5.00pm Evensong

Next Sunday's readings will be: Isaiah 45 vv 1-7;

1 Thessalonians 1 vv 1-10 and Matthew 22 vv 15-22.

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If you have not already done so, please do collect the **Commitment Sunday** envelope addressed to you at the back of church – or help yourself to a blank envelope. Also at the back of the church are the new sets of planned giving envelopes. You are asked to return pledge forms by **Sunday 5th November**. Many thanks

Continuing this Thursday, the Revd Patrick Moriarty of East Barnet is leading, with representatives of other faiths, a study series on relationships between Judaism, Christianity & Islam. Please see details on noticeboard.

Donations of **raffle prizes** for next Saturday's Quiz Night would be most welcome. Also, if anyone can bake a cake for the event, Jenny Pearce would be pleased to hear from you.

There will be a Requiem Eucharist for Fr Jeff Stratton, Vicar of St Mary's from 1982-1994, on **Saturday 28th October** at **12 noon**, to which all will be welcome.

Our **All Souls' Requiem Eucharist** will take place on **Thursday 2nd November** at 9.30am.

We shall also remember our departed loved ones at a Service of Thanksgiving on **Saturday 4th November** at **3.00pm**. This will be a service of hymns and prayers, followed by refreshments, to which the relatives of all those whose funeral Fr Stefan has taken during the past year will be invited.

There will be an open choir rehearsal on **Friday 3rd November** at 8.00pm for anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the choir. Julian Zerbahs will be delighted to give more details.

Fr Stefan has become aware recently that there are one or two people who for health reasons might prefer to have the option of a **gluten-free** Communion wafer. If this is so please let him know, as it is possible to source these for those who require them.

Geoff Foster would like to thank all those who sponsored him for the recent Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike n' Hike. The total raised was **£425** and half of that sum will eventually come back to our church funds.

For your prayers :

The sick Sheila Wiggins, Tony Moore, Mollie Brown, Joan Rutter, Nora Wood, Marjorie Zerbahs, Jill West, Judy Robertson, Margaret Matthews, Vicky, Norma, John Thompson, Jonathan Syms, Steph, Sheila Franklin, Nick, Christopher, Clifford Brown, Jacqueline Thompson, Sam, Sandra Meddes

We also remember Marilyn Grosse, Peter Baker, Dominic Hilton, Janet Dear, Nicola Stiff, Nick Brindley, Barbara Stratton, Fr Colin Gay, Christopher Schools, Greta Murphy, Jean & Vic Cotton, John Elliott, Molly Hines, Robert, David Evans, Pauline Barclay, Christine Barclay, Jan Davis, Ava

The recently departed Gwyneth Fitz, Fred Rutter

Anniversaries of death falling this week Joseph Reid, Eliza Hooney, Francis Biddlecombe, Ellen Evans, Alexander Chesson, Julia Broughton, Charles Middleton, Phoebe Devereux, Gertrude Rayworth, Ada Bray

Our parish We remember those who live in The Greenway, Gregory Avenue and The Grove

*Items for next week's sheet to Richard Osborn (Tel: 07803 756088 / e-mail: rmosborn@hotmail.com) by Thursday
Please let Fr Stefan know about illnesses or any other emergencies affecting parishioners.*

THIS NEWS SHEET IS FOR YOU TO KEEP - PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU