

Dates for your diary..

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon

The Church will be open for tea and coffee

Today

There is a street party in Mildred Avenue later from 12.30pm, the road will be closed. Elizabeth and Mark Watkin will be attending and would love it if people would like to join.

29th September

You are invited to join us at Fr. Geoff's farewell parish lunch. Please inform Elizabeth Watkin of your intention to attend by 15th September.

Monday 14th October at 7.30pm in Church

Informal Vacancy Meeting with Bishop Jane, Archdeacon Charles and Peter Waddell, Rural Dean. All welcome to attend. A chance for people to ask questions and make suggestions for the future direction of the church.

Saturday 30th November 11.30 – 14.30

Christmas Fair - further details to follow

The Diocese is advertising for two part-time administrators to work with the Education Team at Holywell Lodge. Further details are available on their website at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

Sponsors for Bike and Hike are still welcome. See Jane Talbot. Thank you

Celebrating Our Community - this week we shine a spotlight on Dave Degen

Although main carer for his father, Dave generously takes the time to cycle over from Harrow on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month to play the organ so beautifully for us. Dave we really do appreciate everything you do!!

Thank you!

First Aid Kits
Outside the clergy vestry.
In the ladies toilet.

Baby Changing
In the ladies toilet

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THE MESSENGER



TRINITY 17 Sunday 22nd September 2024

A warm welcome to our service today. At communion, there will be a chalice on your left for those who wish to receive by drinking, and on your right for those who wish to receive by dipping their wafer in the wine.

You are also welcome to just receive the bread.

Hymns for this Sunday are: **163, 191, 393, 474**

In your prayers this week:

The Church

The Parish of Mill End with Heronsgate and West Hyde
The Church of North India
Church run youth clubs

The World

The people of Lebanon, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza
Everyone involved in the US election process
The people of Somalia

The Community and Parish

Our new safeguarding officer, Jane Talbot
All who work voluntarily for our Church
The process of appointing the next vicar

The Ill and the Housebound

Especially Jean Alexander, Violet Allen-Smith, Julie Alvarez, Janet Chandler, Jemima Hill, Linda Hunt, Owen Hutchinson, Brian O'Riordan, Valerie O'Riordan, Matthew Paterson, Josephine Stadden, Catherine Stone, Fay Storey, Adelaide Tonkin and all who care for them.

The Departed

Charles Kilner

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31.10-end

Ode to a Capable Wife

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

SECOND READING

James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

Two Kinds of Wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Friendship with the World

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

GOSPEL

Mark 9.30-37

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’