



Sunday 2 March 2025  
 Sunday next before Lent

**THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL**  
[www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk](http://www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk)

**SERVICES**

**St Mary's**

Sun 02 Mar 8.00am Holy Communion (trad.language)  
 9.30am Family Communion  
 Wed 05 Mar 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 09 Mar 9.30am Sung Eucharist

**St Paul's**

Sun 02 Mar 11.15am All God's Family Service  
 (Non-eucharistic)  
 Thur 06 Mar 9.30am Morning Prayer  
 Sun 09 Mar 11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary's Readers and Intercessor		
	Readers	Intercessor
Today	Philip Barber	Clergy
Next Week	Rosamunde Russell	Norma Podmore

**PALM CROSSES**

Please return your palm crosses to be turned into ash for Ash Wednesday. If after Sunday pop them through the door of the Rectory and/or St Mary's Hall.

Ash Wednesday: We have said services (no organist) at St Mary's at 10.30am and 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday. Both services with the imposition of ashes.

**BUILDING WORK INSIDE ST MARY'S**

During the approximately 6 weeks of work the church will be closed to visitors, the Wednesday and Sunday services will continue with slight modifications. Refreshments on Sundays will be in the hall, except on the the first Sunday of the month. It will not be possible to hold weddings and funerals in church during this period so they will relocate as necessary to St Paul's or other Team churches. We hope that the work will be complete by Easter.

This all means that the church-opening rota is suspended until further notice.

These are exciting times but as St Mary's becomes a building site please be careful when going in to the church for services or other reasons and do not go into areas cordoned off for the building works.

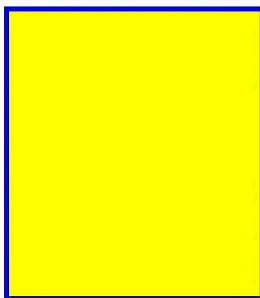
**TAKE A PEW**

Pews have started coming out and we have already sold four at £50 each; if anyone knows of anyone who wants one then speak to John or Brian C whilst stocks last!

## LENT

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, this year. There are a couple of Team Lent courses for you to consider attending, see posters, and we will be holding some film and discussion events once again at both St Paul's and St Mary's. Details to follow.

### The COR and Hemel Team Churches **LENT COURSE 2025** Bible discussions based on the film **'HEAVENS ABOVE'**



6 weeks exploring the unsettling ministry of Jesus and the impact on our lives and communities through the arrival of an unexpected 'Clerical Error'

#### **TUESDAYS 7.30pm**

(in the Church Hall and on Zoom  
email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for link)

**4th March**  
**11th March**  
**18th March**  
**25th March**  
**1st April**  
**8th April**

#### **FRIDAYS 1.30pm**

(in the Church Hall)

**7th March**  
**14th March**  
**21st March**  
**28th March**  
**4th April**  
**11th April**

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

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## A LENT COURSE

THURSDAY EVENINGS

7.30 - 9 PM

27TH FEB. - 3RD APRIL

Six weeks reflecting on the struggles of faith, morality, and the challenges of our modern life.

Based on the TV show starring Sean Bean

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# Lent at St Mary's & St Paul's for the Hemel Team Ministry and wider church



## ***St Mary's, Old Town:***

Wednesdays in Lent at 10.30am:

Holy Eucharist with prayer for healing of our world, our community and ourselves.

(Holy Spirit Chapel, lasts 30-40 minutes, all welcome).

## ***St Paul's, Highfield***

'Jesus Christ Movie Star'

An hour of film clips, prayer and discussion on how the movies portray Jesus.

Tuesdays 11th and 18th March 2-3pm All Welcome.

*Join us as we journey with Jesus during Lent 2025*

## **BISHOP ALAN'S RETIREMENT**

Bishop Alan announced on 7 January that he would retire at the end of May this year after sixteen years as our Diocesan Bishop. He has led the Diocese with great faithfulness and inspiration as he has encouraged and enabled us to live God's Love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage. Amongst his far-ranging contributions to the national church and public life has been his role in the House of Lords, where he has convened the Lord's Spiritual.

We write to let you know about two things that are happening to mark Bishop Alan's retirement.

### *Farewell Service*

To celebrate his commitment and to say thank you there is to be a Farewell Service at our Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 18 May. The service is open to all. It would be great if every parish/benefice could be represented at the service.

### *Diocesan Gift*

We are intending to give Alan a gift from the Diocese to thank him for his episcopate and to wish him well as he moves to Wiltshire in retirement. If your PCC, or any individual, would like to contribute to this please pay your gift into this account:

Account Name St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance

Account Number 20776041

Sort Code 20-05-03

Reference BISH2025

(Please note that the use of the correct reference is vital, as without this funds will not be allocated correctly. Any funds submitted without a valid reference are automatically donated to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal)

Once again, we give thanks for Bishop's Alan's ministry amongst us and hold him in prayer as he prepares to leave the Diocese.

## Services and Events Week Commencing 2 March 2025

Sun 02 Mar	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion - traditional language Family Communion All God's Family Service - non eucharistic	StM StM StP
Second next before Lent			
Mon 03 Mar			
Tue 04 Mar			
Wed 05 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	StM
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			
Thu 06 Mar	9.30am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer Funeral for Jean Baskerville RIP	StP StP
Fri 07 Mar			
<i>Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203</i>			
Sat 08 Mar			
Sun 09 Mar	9.30am 11.15am	Sung Eucharist Holy Communion	StM StP
First Sunday of Lent			

**Apart from Sunday and Wednesday services St Mary's Church is currently closed to visitors due to internal building work**

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### Bulletin deadline:

Preceding Thursday noon  
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### Payments:

**Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC".**

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