



Sunday 17 January 2021
Second Sunday of Epiphany

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

New Parish Web Site www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk

Letter from the Rector to all parishioners

Dear Friends,

Closure of our churches for public worship. The PCC will meet on Monday to discuss a Standing Committee proposal to extend the current closure until a review in mid-February.

This week's Zoom service comes from St Paul's for the Second Sunday of Epiphany.

Our zoom worship on 24th January the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany will also come from St Paul's when we will celebrate their Patronal Festival (conversion of St Paul - moved from the 25th). We will return to St Mary's to celebrate Candlemas and bring the Christmas and Epiphany celebrations to a close on Sunday 31st January.

So this Sunday's Zoom service will be a bit simpler with (hopefully?) more excitement to follow on the next two Sundays!

St Paul's Patronal Festival. As we prepare to celebrate St Paul next Sunday have a think about his life and example. Why not read again the story of his conversion (Acts 9: 1-19) so that after the service - at the start of our 'catch up' zoom - we will be able to have a brief interactive discussion about Paul, his influence, and how his life informs our own walk of faith. We will then move on to the more general catch up. Do grab a coffee (or something stronger?) for this so that we can toast St Paul's Church in their 61st year in the 'new' Solway building.

Burn's Supper Monday, the 25th of January is not only the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and a reason to celebrate, it is also Burns night so why not join us on Zoom that evening at 7pm (invite to follow next week) for some haggis and whisky - or your version of that? The plan is to have your own little bit of Scotland to hand ready to celebrate together. Perhaps you can do a party turn (play bagpipes or read from Robbie Burns?) and maybe you have some haggis or a neeps and tatties recipe that is all your own to tell us about. Canon John will host from the bar and lead a virtual dram tasting with Penny telling you how to make the famous 'gravy' for a true Burns celebration. If food and drink are not your thing then perhaps you can dress up for the occasion and we can compare bonnets! As well as all this excitement we can raise a wee dram to St Paul and St Paul's Church. More information to follow.

Lent There will be an interactive on-line (and package delivered to your door) Lent Event for families of all age to take part in. More info soon!

John

The Revd Canon John Williams Team Rector
in the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry



9.30am Sunday Zoom Services

Topic: 9.30am Parish Worship

Every week until Feb 7, 2021, 4 occurrences

Jan 17, 2021 09:30 AM

Jan 24, 2021 09:30 AM

Jan 31, 2021 09:30 AM

Feb 7, 2021 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89906327900?pwd=OUh3MlBPRlBVQlpHeDFDZk9sVklydz09>

Meeting ID: 899 0632 7900

Passcode: 404969

Sunday after worship Zoom Socials

(Note: you won't be able to access these sessions until the service has concluded which may be later than 10.30)

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Join Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136355630?pwd=RjZOemxQdFh3Q0NpQUo0amRmdTFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 3635 5630

Passcode: 705340

Please Note: The links and passcodes to join the meetings is the same for each of the four weeks

The Salisbury Bequest

Thanks to the acumen of various financial administrators, there is still a sizeable amount left in this fund. So far, it has paid for a number of excellent projects and building works, and it is now time to decide what to do with the remainder, always remembering Richard Salisbury's wish that it be spent on large projects that would otherwise be unachievable, and which build up the Church (in both the physical and spiritual sense). We are now asking all parishioners to let us know their ideas and preferences on how the money should be spent. Please think and pray about this, discuss it with others, consult our MAP and then let Norma Podmore know what your recommendations would be before the end of January. A committee reflecting various interests will be formed to make the final decision. We won't please everybody, but we do want to make the best possible choice for the parish.

Christmas Collections

As was only to be expected, money received at Christmas services this year was considerably less than usual. However, the House of Elliott 'Memory Baubles' sold at the market Christmas Fair raised £300 for the parish. This we will donate to the hospice which usually runs its 'Light up a Life' service in St Mary's in November every year. This year, they were unable to hold this moving service, which commemorates the lives of loved ones who have passed way, and provides wonderful support for bereaved families. It seems an entirely appropriate recipient of the 'Memory Baubles' money. The remainder of money collected, over £200, will be going to the Liberty Tea Rooms, who are working with local people suffering severe financial hardship. Unfortunately, given the pandemic and its effects, the need is growing. We are grateful for the opportunity to reach out and support our community in this way.

100 Club The winning ticket for January was No 69 - Maureen Stacey of St Mary's

DENS Foodbank While there are no live services at either church, I am happy to come round to people's houses and collect from the doorstep anything you might want to donate to the foodbank. Just ring or text me on: 07763 932792 and I will fix a collection time. As of yesterday, the food bank would particularly welcome tinned potatoes, tinned ham and corned beef, tinned fruit, tinned fish, rice puddings, custard, long life fruit juices and hot chocolate.

Norma

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