



THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL



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WEEKLY NEWS – Bible Sunday (Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25))

WELCOME to our services today

Please join us for refreshments. (After the 9.30 at St Mary's, before the 11.15 at St Paul's).

Communion: All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not usually receive Bread and Wine, do come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Silent Prayer: Take the opportunity before the service to pray in silent preparation, respecting those who value this time of quiet prayer.

Prayers: If you would like a prayer said with you after the service - or at any other time - please speak to one of the clergy.

Giving: The church relies on the generosity of those who worship in, and visit, our buildings. If you are able to join the Parish Giving Scheme or want giving envelopes to regularly contribute to the parish, do ask a Welcomer or Churchwarden for information.

Safeguarding: Please note that many of our services are live streamed and the congregation may be seen. Pews that usually appear in view are marked but if in doubt ask a Welcomer where to sit.

Safeguarding Officers: Julie and Clare. Speak to them about any concerns or to report incidents.

Please be mindful and respectful of personal boundaries when exchanging the peace.

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Bible Sunday Services 8am, St Mary's, we welcome The Revd Canon Miriam Mugan to lead our 9.30 and 11.15 services at St Marys and St Pauls respectively once again Canon John is taking the service at St Barnabas, Adeyfield.

THIS AFTERNOON the Old Town High Street will be closed for the Halloween Event. There will be hot chocolate, face painting and the children's fancy dress competitions in St Mary's. Please let Penny, Andrew or Rosamund know if you can help BBC with the hot chocolate or stewarding.

On WEDNESDAY this week we are once again invited to join the people of St Barnabas for their 9.30 service. There will be no service at St Mary's but the 10.30 will return on Wednesday 4th November.

NEXT Sunday All Souls and All Saints celebration at 9.30 and 11.15 with the reading of names of those of our loved ones who have died in the last year. Services usual times

NOTICES

Wednesday Morning Service. Until a new Team Vicar is appointed at St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield, we will be alternating our Wednesday morning service with theirs! 28th Oct the 9.30 at St Barnabas, 4th Nov at St Marys 10.30am and so on. If you need a lift or help getting to Adeyfield please let us know.

Good News If you missed the good news last week, it was announced that The Revd Martin Watson will join the Team Ministry at the end of January to serve as Team Vicar at St Barnabas. More details to follow.

Children's Society Collection boxes – Please return your boxes and/or any other donations to Sheila Barton over next couple of weeks for collation

Chandy Perera is having a retirement service on Saturday 30 January 2027 at 3pm in Stevenage. If you would like to be there and not want to drive, Rosina is organising a minibus to take us. If you would like to be included, please can you let Rosina know by Monday 2 November so that she can obtain quotes and make a booking.

FORTHCOMING DATES

7th November: St Mary's Church Autumn Clean: between 9.30am and 12 noon

8th November: Remembrance Sunday services usual times

15th November: Safeguarding Sunday. Presentations and interviews at all services.

16th November: 7.30pm PCC meeting.

12th December: Parish Christingle service, St Mary's at 4.30pm

Who's who and contact details, see separate slip!