St Mary's Henlow Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 4th September 2011





11.00am Family Service and Holy Baptism ~ Amber and Freya Down 12.15pm – Parish Eucharist

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WELCOME all who join us for our services today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Family Service – the time to meet and greet.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

-the work of the Cathedral Education CentreMichael Hawkins, Bishop of Saskatchewan, Canada; David Irving, Bishop of Saskatoon, Canada
-those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Jean Mattock; Angie Rigney (Reader); Ann French; Wallace and Judy Clarke; Heather Jewell; Tom and Eileen Vincent; ; Anthony Smith; the Rev'd Jim Broadbridge; Archdeacon Paul Hughes; Julia Noikovitch; Jackie Painter

....those in care homes: Florence Emery; Margaret Pickles; Jessie Child; Pat Cook.R.I.P. Brian Jewell

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 5th – 9.00am Morning Prayer Tuesday 6th – 7.00pm Choir Practice 8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Wednesday 7th - 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion 2.15pm Henlow Hippos Friday 9th - 9.00am Morning Prayer Saturday 10th – 10am – 6pm Bike 'n' Hike

NEXT SUNDAY – 11th SEPTEMBER 2011

THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club 12.15pm Holy Communion

NOTICES

<u>Salvation Army Band Concert</u> On Saturday 24th September the Stotfold Band will be giving a concert in the church at 7.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a retiring collection for the Salvation Army and St Mary's.

<u>Jazz Concert</u> On Saturday 1st October in St Andrew's Church, Langford, organised by the Friends of St Andrew's. Details on the notice board.

Annual Bike 'n Hike This event takes place on Saturday 10th September from 10 am to 6pm. Forms for participants are available at the back of the church. Hilary Woods and Anne Burgess are planning to take part and would welcome sponsors please - half proceeds to St Mary's and other half to Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Back to Church Sunday this year is on Sunday 25th September when you are asked to invite back to church family, friend, neighbour. Back to Church Sunday is all about personal invitation. One person reaching out to another to invite them back to church. And your invitations make a difference.

"One man said he'd never been to church in his life before. He said he'd enjoyed the service and would come again! (Blackburn Diocese) One man was moved to tears at the Gospel message the service presented; Jesus Christ meets us where we are and as we are.(St Albans Diocese) One lady had been thinking about coming back to church for a while and this gave her the incentive she needed. (Sheffield Diocese) During the weeks ahead pray for an opportunity to invite someone back to church. Take an invitation card from the back of church and use it.

Advance notice – September's Sung Eucharist (in which the offering of incense forms part of our worship of God) will take place on the <u>third</u> Sunday (18th) and not the fourth Sunday (25th).

Harvest Lunch

It has not proved possible to book a suitable venue at a suitable price for a Harvest Lunch on Sunday 2nd October as planned so there will now be a Bring & Share Lunch in church that day after the services (Coffee and Biscuits will be suspended for that Sunday). Please note this in your diaries and plan to join us to celebrate after the Harvest Thanksgiving service.