

# St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013



**NEXT SUNDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
**11.00am Parish Eucharist**

## NOTICES

We look forward to **welcoming the Venerable Paul Hughes, Archdeacon of Bedford**, to our services on Remembrance Sunday.

The **Coffee Morning** was even more successful this week and thank you to all who contribute in any way and that the next one will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am in church.

An advance notice please that a **Churchyard Working Party**, mainly to collect up all the fallen leaves, is planned for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and any help you can spare, even for a short time, would be welcome that day.

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## GIFT DAY

Gift Day this year is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am to 3 pm in the church and that help to make tea/coffee for visitors would be welcome. There will be several stalls and the Church vestments and registers will be on display, as usual. Leaflets with envelopes for distribution around the village and a list are at the back of the church and please help to get these delivered throughout the area. We urgently need to build up our funds again after the restoration work on the Tower as there is still much that needs to be done, as evidenced among other things by the many buckets that adorn the church from time to time!

## O come O come Emmanuel

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 10am– 4pm (lunch included) *The Well at Willen, Newport Road, Willen, Milton Keynes MK15 9AA*

A day retreat to pray and reflect on the theme of peace and reconciliation at the start of Advent. Hear how guest speaker Padre Pio is working for a durable peace after 40 years of war in Angola. Suggested donation £12.50 to cover costs, payable on the day. Please book your place by contacting Christian Aid Oxford on 01865 246818 or email [oxford@christian-aid.org](mailto:oxford@christian-aid.org)  
UK registered charity number 1105851. Company number 5171525.

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The **Advent Challenge** this year is called **Encounters**

An opportunity this **Advent** to explore **faith, hope** and **love** and to **live a little** differently.

- ♦ Take time to **read** and **think**
- ♦ Make time to **pray** and then **act**
- ♦ Bring a bit of purpose to your **Christmas** preparations

**Encounters** is the Live the Challenge initiative for Advent 2013 from the Diocese of St Albans. It begins on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

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[www.livethechallenge.co.uk](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk)  
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The Diocese of St Albans



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**9.30am Parish Eucharist (said)**  
**10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Procession to St Mary's Church for the Remembrance Day Service**

An audio loop is installed for those with hearing aids: please switch to the 'T' position.

**WE WELCOME** all who join us for our services today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Eucharist - the time to meet and greet.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

...those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: *Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Doreen Howe; Jim Gregory; Eli Garland; Jasmine Dorricott; Ashley Bowen; John Searle; Ben Pratt*  
...those in care homes: *Florence Emery; Jessie Child; Pat Cook; Clemency Clarke;*  
...R.I.P: *All the faithful departed*

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer**  
**10.00am Henlow Academy Year 8 for Remembrance Day**  
**12 noon Ridgeway School Visit for Remembrance Day**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm Choir Practice**  
**8.00pm Bellingring Practice**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm GIFT DAY in church**

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