

St Mary's Henlow Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 11th September 2011



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00am Parish
Eucharist and
Sunday Club

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

.... Churches Together in Biggleswade;
Racial Justice Sunday
.... James Deng, Bishop of Sittwe, Myanmar
.... 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. All the faithful departed

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday 12th – 9.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 13th – 7.00pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 14th - 9.00am Morning Prayer
Friday 16th - 9.00am Morning Prayer
Saturday 17th – 10am – 4pm Church open

NEXT SUNDAY – 18th SEPTEMBER

THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11.00am Sung Eucharist

NOTICES

A reminder that there is a **meeting of the PCC** in church on Wednesday 21st at 7.30 pm.

Salvation Army Band Concert 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.

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

The church will be being decorated for Harvest on Saturday 1st October from 9.30 am and that gifts of produce and flowers for use in decorating the church would be welcomed and also help on the day please. Non perishable items may be brought to church at any time beforehand and other items on the day please. Afterwards the goods will be taken to St John's at Moggerhanger.

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 third 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.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO THE EDITOR, JAMES BURGESS, BY THURSDAY, PLEASE

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