



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

The Church of England and The Methodist Church in Partnership
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Welcome to St Mary's!

We are delighted you are here to worship with us today



Sunday 21st October 2018: The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Rev'd Deborah Snowball

Collect: The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, BCP Pg 190

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

10.00am Sung Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Rev'd Deborah Snowball

Readings: As above



Gluten free
communion
bread is
available

Collect: Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Post-Communion Prayer: Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6.00pm Said Evening Prayer

Minister: Rev'd Deborah Snowball

If you are new and you'd like to get to know us better... Feel free to pick up a Welcome Pack. To help us get to know you, please fill in a Welcome Card, and hand it to one of the Sidespeople (who gave you a book as you arrived). Do stay to join us for refreshments after the morning Services if you have time. If you've been worshipping with us for more than 6 months, please join our Electoral Roll.

If you have children with you... We welcome children of all ages!

Please sit near the front of church so that your children can see what is going on; if they get wriggly or restless, feel free to use the toys under the Tower. We all begin the Services together and then **Children's Church** meets in the Church Centre during term-time: Sunbeams: 3-5 yrs, Shooting Stars: 6-11 yrs.



For Your Prayers

We pray for: Seafarers
The work of: Beat the Killer Cold, a charity we support
Our School, St Mary's: Pupils and their families
In the Deanery: St Andrews, Chorleywood
In the Circuit: Trinity, Watford
In Rickmansworth: London Road
At St Mary's: For our Churchwardens and Steward
Amongst those unwell: Guil Boshoff, Margaret Collins, Janet Foster, Edith Frow, Trevor Wallace, Mary Wallis, Jaleh Yeaman, Frankie, Heather, John, Keith, Mary, Tim

Amongst the departed: Louisa (Gretta) Garbett, Keith Hawksworth

Louisa Garbett RIP

We were sorry to learn of Louisa's death and send our prayers to those who knew her, worked with her and worshipped with her too. Her Funeral is to take place this Tuesday, 23rd October, 2:45pm at West Herts Crematorium in Garston.

This week's diary

Mon 22	1.30pm	Newcomers Team Meeting, <i>The Vicarage</i>
	2.00pm	<i>Threads for Change</i> Sewing Group, in church
	3.15pm	J Club, <i>St Mary's School</i>
	7.30pm	Stewardship and Finance Committee meeting, <i>Cloisters Hall</i>
Tues 23	9.30am	Said Holy Communion
	12noon	10-bell ringing practice - <i>all ringers welcome</i>
Wed 24	2.30pm	Safeguarding Team meeting, <i>The Vicarage</i>
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice - <i>New ringers welcome</i>
Thurs 25	9.30am	<i>Little Angels</i> Toddlers Group, <i>Cloisters Hall</i>
	7.45pm	Choir Practice - <i>New singers welcome</i>

Readings for Tuesday Holy Communion: Ephesians 2:12-end; Luke 12:35-38

Readings for next Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 28:14-16; Ephesians 2:19-22; John 16:17-27

Next Sunday's Services and Activities: Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Holy Communion 6.00pm Said Evening Prayer
10.00am Sung Holy Communion

Preparation for receiving Holy Communion before Confirmation: Children aged 7 or above who have been baptised will be admitted to Holy Communion on Sunday 25 November - the Feast of Christ the King. There will be a Preparation Day on Saturday 24 November, 10am-3.30pm at The Vicarage. If you would like to join the Preparation Day, please speak to Deborah. You must attend church regularly (which means at least twice a month), and be aged 7 or over by Sunday 25 November.

Deborah



St Mary's 'Little Angels' Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby & Toddler Group - Cloisters Hall on Thursdays: 9.30-11.30am during Term-time. Craft, play and Music Time, £1.50 'family group' per session.

Notices

Season of Invitation: Please make sure that you have taken one or two envelopes of invitations to pass to friends/neighbours. Let's make this outreach as successful as possible and bring lots of new people to our lovely church.

Poppy Fields: There will be a light and sound installation at St Alban's Cathedral on the evenings of 26 and 27 October, 7.30-11pm, to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. For further details of other events taking place to mark this centenary, please visit the Cathedral website: stalbanscathedral.org. (There is no dot after org!) *Deborah*

Christmas Shoebox appeal: We are supporting the Blythswood Shoe Box appeal again this year. We need donations of 'covered' shoe boxes with detachable lids, if possible filled with gifts. The contents needed are on the list at the back of church. Boxes will need to be in church by 1st November please. If you wish to donate individual items please place them in the labelled box at the back of the church. *Hilary Pearce*

Carers Support group: You are warmly invited to a Carers Support Group which will meet on 4 November, 4pm - 5.15pm in The Point (upstairs) in The Junction at Christ Church, Chorleywood. For anyone who is a Carer and would value a confidential, supportive space to talk and meet with others in similar situations. Meetings will include a facilitated group discussion and a prayerful meditative input. Alas, it is not possible to provide respite facilities for the people you care for during the meeting. Please call Christ Church Office to confirm attendance or to find out more 282149. Future meeting dates: 2/12, 6/1/19.

Theatre night: We are organising a trip to see *A Night in Provence*, a comedy, at Sonning Mill on November 15, leaving at about 5.30pm. The cost will be £50.85, plus transport, providing we have a party of ten or more. If you'd like to go, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church by today Sunday 21 October. *David Gilbert 332572*

Confirmation Preparation: Being confirmed is the way in which, as adults, we renew our commitment to God, and become members of a particular denomination. If you are aged over 13 and would like to be confirmed, please speak to Deborah. We are likely to hold Preparation Sessions in the New Year - looking to a Confirmation Service in the late Spring. Confirmation is for anyone of any age (aged over 13!) - it's never too late! *Deborah*

Harvest Flowers: Many thanks to the flower arrangers who decorated the church for Harvest - the flowers looked wonderful. *Hilary Pearce*

Harvest Gifts: Thank you for the generosity displayed in the wide variety of gifts brought to our Harvest celebrations that have been passed on to individuals in need, as well as Charities supporting those without a home. We have already received letters of thanks - and pass on the words of gratitude with thanks. *Deborah*

Apollo Concert: Thank you to all who attended - a grand total of £560 was raised for Water Aid, a fantastic result. *Hilary Pearce*

Seeing stars! Yes, the Vicar has come up with yet another bright idea! Following on from the huge success of the hundreds of angels that were knitted/crocheted last year, this year we're making stars. Beryl Baker has kindly started to make up packs with yarn and instructions so, if you'd like something to do with your hands during the long winter nights, feel free to have a go at assisting us to create a few hundred stars to give out to children attending our Christmas Services.

Rota aide-memoire

	This Week	Next Week
8 am Readers	<i>Beverley Clement, John Poppleton</i>	<i>Geoff Hall, Michael Illing</i>
10am Readers	<i>Annette Leveridge, Julie Smethurst</i>	<i>Michael Baker, Beryl Baker</i>
Intercessor	<i>John Rhodes</i>	<i>Jean Dodds</i>

Diary dates

Thurs 1 Nov	All Saints' Day
	9.30am Said Holy Communion Service
Fri 2 Nov	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed with Recitation of names
	9.30am Said Holy Communion Service
Sat 3 Nov	2.30pm Bereavement Service

A few people have asked for some space to make sermon notes - so here it is...

'There but not there...'

You may have read about the 'There but not there' commemorative perspex figures that are being installed around the country to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, allowing communities like ours to visually remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in this and later conflicts.

The UCC at St Mary's Church have decided to install a number of the seated figures, which are life sized, around the church and wondered if any of our members would like to either pay for a figure or make a contribution towards the cost of one. The figures cost £42 each and after 11 November we will keep them for future use. If you would like to know more, or to make a contribution, please speak to a Church Warden or our Methodist Steward or simply place a cheque (made payable to 'Rickmansworth PCC') or money in an envelope marked 'There but not there' and pass it to the Church Office.

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