

# All Saints' • Willian



## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

TODAY we welcome **Rev Paul Lanham** to preside and preach at our Parish Communion Service, assisted by **Mr Robin Lilly**.

**Prayer Meeting for Simon & Louise:** we meet again tonight at 6.30pm at St Paul's.

**Please pray for :** Joan Baker, and for the many soldiers coming home injured from Afghanistan (military hospitals are working at capacity).

**Lent Course:** Our Lent Course continues tomorrow and is based on the course by Bishops Alan, Christopher & Richard. Venue this week is 37, Sollershott East, 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start (tel 675077).

**Prayer Group:** we meet again on Tuesday 16 March for prompt 10.30 start in the church.

**Water Aid:** If you would like to contribute, please collect all your coppers and pass to Margaret Hannon for counting.

**Easter Cards:** there is now a supply of recycled Easter cards for sale at the back of the church. The money goes to the Restoration Fund.

**Easter Flowers:** There will be a plate at the back of the Church for donations for flowers to decorate our church for Easter.

**PCC:** The next meeting is on **Wed 17 March**. If anyone has any subject they want raising, please see a PCC member.

**Maundy Thursday:** We will have a service of Compline followed by a vigil at 8pm on **1 April**. A vigil list will be at the back of church from next Sunday.

**Good Friday:** We will have a service of Meditation at 2pm. Everybody welcome.

**Bluebell cards:** If anybody would like any Bluebell Cards, please see Anne Jenkins.



## WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S

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If you are new to St Paul's, we hope you will feel welcome here. You will find a *Welcome* leaflet and card in the back of the seats. Please feel free to take this with you to browse at your leisure. We would be delighted if you could join us for refreshments in the church hall after the service.

## This week in church

Wed 17 March  
8.30 am Holy Communion

Sun 21 March  
8.30 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Family Communion



### MEETING ... POINTS

Opportunities to meet in homes for prayer, bible study & fellowship

**Monday Group— 15 March**  
31 Howard Drive : 7.45 pm  
Rae Glenn ● tel 635253

**Thursday Groups— 18 March**  
11 Kestrel Walk : 8.00 pm  
Clyde & Judy Watson ● tel 486894

**Wednesday Group— 17 March**  
For venue, call  
Harold Brown ● tel 676765  
7 The Dale: 1.45 pm  
Pam Philo ● tel 670424

324 Norton Way South  
7.45 pm for 8.00 pm start  
Jill Thomson ● tel 623613

The first Sunday of each month from October to March we have our quiet, reflective service - **HOLY SPACE** at 6.30 pm.  
This includes a very simple liturgy and plenty of silence  
For further information contact **Clare Pedrick** on 07745 116493



**SIDE BY SIDE** - A fellowship group for Mums with small children, meet Tuesdays 8-9.30pm at 22 Allison. Contact **Rebecca Kelly** on 686365.

**READINGS** for 14 March ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:16-end & John 19:25-27  
(pages 1160 & 1088)

### COLLECT FOR 14 MARCH

**God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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**SIDESMEN and WOMEN.**—The number of people offering to act as sidesmen/women this year is disappointing. We really need another 4-6 people for the 10 o'clock services. This is a vital role in the church and is not particularly arduous. If you can offer your help please see Huw or phone 643919 asap so that the new rota can be drawn up. New people are most welcome and training will be given. Thank you.

**Confirmation of young people** — If there are any more young people keen to dig deeper into the Christian faith and consider what confirmation is all about sessions will take place in the Distinctive room in the church hall on Tuesdays at 6.45pm starting on **13 April**. The confirmation takes place on **10 May** at 8pm at St George's. See Clare or Amanda for more information.

**SCRIPTURE UNION** - Come and hear about the work of Scripture Union in Uganda. Our visitors will be Beth Baleke and Dickens Ssenyonjo. Dickens heads up Scripture Union in Uganda, a post held by Beth before she became SU Africa Assistant Children's Co-ordinator. An opportunity not to be missed to hear how God is working in Africa. Mon **29 March** at 7.45 pm, 11 Kestrel Walk, the home of Hazel Barrett

**Concert**—A chance to hear Monteverdi's extraordinary 1610 Vespers performed by the North Herts Guild of Singers and Musica Donum Dei at St Mary's church Hitchin on **27 March** (7.30) For information and tickets see Jeremy Goodwyn (686929)

**WOSP Walk - Sunday 21 March** - Meet in the upper Church car park at 2 pm to car share. We will travel to Welwyn Garden and park at Digswell House in Monks Rise. The walk is through Sherrardswood to watch the Spring and its wildlife. This is on a glacial clay cap so there is plenty of mud and some steep climbs but all on woodland paths. See if you can spot deer in the undergrowth. Or the ghost of a monk in Monks Walk. John Dettmar 07989020116

**Easter Flowers**—The Flower Guild will decorate the Church on Saturday **3 April** from 9.30.a.m. There will be a box at the back of the church for your donations. Gifts of flowers and greenery would be appreciated on the day. For further information please phone Christine 672432.

**ABSOLUTELY FREE.**- A carpet in need of a new home. Approx 3.7 by 6.1 m. Currently residing in the vicarage lounge. See Huw for details.

**Letchworth Chorale Spring Concert—Saturday 27 March** at 7.30pm Free Church. Featuring music by Karl Jenkins, Howard Goodall, Rutland Boughton and Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine. Tickets £8 and £6 from Sarah Carrick (672428)

**Prayer Meeting for Simon & Louise**—the next meeting will be on **TO-NIGHT** at 6.30pm at St Paul's.

**WELCOME conference – Saturday 27 March** : at St George's Church. This conference will deal with the theology of welcome, and the importance and practicalities of welcome. It will be led by our new Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith, with Mark Hope-Urwin of Birmingham Cathedral. It begins at 9.00am with a continental breakfast and finishes at 1.00pm. If going, you will need to register at [www.stalbans.anglican.org/Mission/Welcome](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/Mission/Welcome). 150 have registered so far, with room for another 150. I'm going : will you join me? Roger Thomson

**Electoral Roll**- From now until 10 April the church electoral roll will be open for the addition of new names. In order to attend the APCM, or to stand for the PCC, your name must be on the electoral roll, which is just a register of our church members. To have your name entered on the roll you must be baptised; be aged 16 or over; and have signed an application form. With a few exceptions you must be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England. Forms are available in the church porch, as is a copy of the current electoral roll if you wish to check that you're on it. You are making no commitment by being on the roll, but it does enable us to keep in touch with you. Completed forms should be returned to Jane Brown or to me. Roger Thomson – PCC Secretary.

**Children's Society Quiz Night—Saturday 20 March** at Wilbury Hall, St Thomas' Church. Teams of 6: £8 per person. Fish and chip supper (or alternative), 7pm for 7.30pm start. Contact Rae Glenn on 635253 or Hilary Brain on 620905.

**APCM – Sunday 25 April**—This year there will be **5** vacancies on the Parochial Church Council (PCC). It is not too early to consider whether you would like to be a candidate, or whether you know someone who you think would make a good candidate. The PCC meets 6 times a year and the members serve a 3 year term. Candidates must be on the electoral roll and must be aged 16 or over. With Simon and Louise Moore set to join us in May the next 3 years will be an interesting time to sit on the PCC. Nomination forms are in the church porch and should be returned to me or to one of the churchwardens. Roger Thomson – PCC Secretary.

**CHURCH HEATING**—The problem has been identified as a need to raise the radiators in the sanctuary. This will not happen in the immediate future. Thank you for your continued patience!