



Sunday 6th December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

We welcome the Bishop of Hertford the Right Reverend Dr Michael Beasley to our services this morning as we reopen our churches.



Advent Resources

Packs have gone/are on their way to our young people. Let John know if you know of any children that could use one! Some adult advent resources are also available for your use during this important season, see links below. Also, an art-based meditation pdf file has been shared on the WhatsApp Group, let us know if you need this by email.

<https://urc.org.uk/images/WalkingtheWay/documents/WtWAdvent20.pdf>

Advent materials 2020 - urc.org.uk

Although peace is a strong tie which binds different groups from various backgrounds, creeds, and opinions firmly together, it can also be undeniably fragile.

urc.org.uk

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/preparing-advent-christmas-2020-comfort-and-joy>

Preparing for Advent & Christmas 2020: Comfort and Joy - The Church of England

We hope that Comfort and Joy will better enable us to reflect where the country is and will be by the end of this year.

www.churchofengland.org

Diary for the Week commencing 6 Dec 2020

Mon 7

2.00pm Pastoral Group - Zoom meeting

Sat 12 - St Mary's

2.30 pm Christmas Music by Candlelight

Sun 13 - St Mary's

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

Sun 13 - St Paul's

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10.45am Grand Zoom Draw

The Annual Parish Christmas Fair

This is an important event in our fundraising calendar but cannot take place in the current situation so we are organising a major fund raiser for the Parish of St Mary and St Paul in the form of the 'Grand Zoom Draw'. A flyer has been circulated to the usual email list and there are some printed copies available in church for those not on the email list and for parishioners to take for friends and family.

There are 1,000 draw tickets to buy. If we were to sell all the tickets we would gross £1,000. If all the prizes are donated there will be no prize costs. A donation will cover the cost of printing the draw tickets.

The current situation is that 720 draw tickets have been paid for and another 150 tickets are out with people and I'm waiting for cash and counterfoils from them, leaving 130 still to sell.

We have been having a good response to the invitation to donate prizes. All have now been given.

Gordon

Should anybody who is uncomfortable with buying draw tickets wish to help cover part of the losses from not having the annual Parish Fair, please contact Gordon or Rosina Gaddes. .

One of the major prizes in the Zoom Draw is the **St Mary's Hamper**. All items for the Hamper have now been kindly accounted for and can be brought to St Mary's where they will be kept securely. The wicker hamper has been generously donated this year by Brian Crawley.

Contacts for all aspects of the Grand Zoom Draw:-

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Church role in society

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a sixth form student and a member of a church community located in Hemel Hempstead.

I am completing an Extended Project Qualification with the title: To what extent is it true that schools have replaced the church as the main community hub in society?

To help answer the question I am carrying out some primary research. The questions will be asked to both schools and churches.

I was wondering if one or more members of your church community would be interested in completing this quick 9 question survey monkey?

All data collected will be used for this project only

Survey monkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z6BPBXQ>

Thank you for your cooperation

Kind regards,
Alice McKerrell

New Parish Web Site

<https://stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk/>

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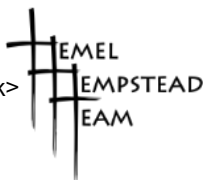
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