

### Nippers need your help!

At 1.30pm on Thursday 4th September the Nippers team are meeting in the Parish Hall to clean and sort the toys ready for the new season. We would love it if anyone would like to join us and make the job more enjoyable and quicker. Thank you. Susan Taylor

### Housegroups restart this week

Our housegroups begin again this week. Do consider coming along to discuss what the bible says, what our faith is about and how we should live to honour God. All are welcome.

Monday (weekly in person) 7:30pm at 29A Eastern Way. Led by Susan Taylor, studying Romans.

Tuesday (weekly in person) 10am at 29A Eastern Way. Led by Keith Taylor, studying Judges.

Tuesday 2nd (twice a month on-line via Zoom) 8pm. Led by Keith, studying Esther. Contact Keith on [kstaylortaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:kstaylortaylor@btinternet.com) for the link.

### Wednesday Mornings:

10.00 am **Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel

10.00—11.30 am **Norton Coffee Shop** in the Clulow Room

**Health Walk** - All welcome to join the FREE Health Walk leaving from and returning to St Georges car park on Wednesday mornings at 10am. This is a Grade 1 walk for beginners with a gentle pace and lasts up to 30 minutes. Volunteers lead and go behind the group. Afterwards, you are very welcome to relax with a coffee at Norton Coffee Shop.

**Readings** next week for Trinity 12: Philemon 1-21, Psalm 1 & Luke 14:25-33.

### Parish contacts:

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Rev Eugene will be on holiday from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August and his first day back at work will be Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. He will not be able to access work emails or phone messages whilst away so please do contact the Churchwardens or the Parish Office with any urgent enquiries.



### Trinity 11

**Sunday 31st August 2025 9.30am**

**We welcome Rev Anthony Giles as  
president and Karen Williams as preacher**



HYMNS (HON)		
Entrance	520	Thy Kingdom come!
Offertory	422	Praise my soul
Communion	484	The King of love my shepherd is
Final	103	Crown Him with many crowns

### Reading

### Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **Gospel**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## **Daily Bible Reading booklets**

The August - October UCB 'Word for Today' daily bible reading booklets are now available at the back of St Georges. It's free so please help yourself. The Bible Reading Fellowship daily reading booklets can be ordered, at a small cost, through Martin and Christine Walker (martinwalker1951@gmail.com).

## **Our Anglo-Catholic Service**

After a great deal of prayerful consideration and with great sadness our 11.15 Anglo-Catholic service is coming to an end. Our last service will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We would love to welcome as many of you as possible to this service.

## **Foodbank**

Thank you to those who give to the foodbank.

This month they have special need for the following:

**Long Life milk (UHT, whole or semi-skimmed)**

**Coffee 100g**

**Dried potato**

**Cuppa Soup**

**Tinned fruit**

**Tinned potatoes**

**Bags of sugar (500g)**

*Please note that we are unable to take out-of-date food.*

## **Confirmation**

There will be a Confirmation service at St Mary's Church, Hitchin on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. If you haven't been Confirmed and would like to be or you are an adult who hasn't been baptised and would like to be please speak to Rev Eugene or Rev Anthony.



## **Children's work**

We are pleased to let you know that from September we will be able to offer an additional group, for those children that have grown out of Dragonflies. This will run the same weeks as Dragonflies (1st, 3rd, 5th) and will be for those approx 4 years and upwards. Both Dragonflies and Little Dragons will now be running out of the main hall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11am service, and Dragons for all ages on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday will remain the same. Any questions, please see Rev Eugene, Vicky or a member of the children's team.

## **Vacancies at the Diocese**

The Diocese is currently advertising for new roles in their Property Team. Details can be found at:  
<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>