

### Working Party at St George's Church

Thank you to everyone who helped at the various tasks on 2nd August. Many areas of the church grounds look much improved. Well done. There will be another opportunity in the near future if you weren't able to join us on 2nd.

### Jigsaw Sale/ Fundraiser.

Thank you to all who helped at the Jigsaw Sale & Coffee afternoon on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. The event was a huge success raising £573 on the sale of jigsaws, coffee and cakes.

The next Jigsaw Sale & Coffee afternoon is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Further donations of jigsaws are being accepted - please contact Rachel or the Church office.

### 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.



### 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 9: Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Psalm 82 & Luke 12:49-56.

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Please submit notices by **Wednesday** for inclusion in the next pew sheet.



### Trinity 8

**Sunday 10th August 2025 9.30am**

#### HYMNS (HON)

Entrance	98	Come thou long expected
Offertory	366	O God our help
Communion	Sheet	In Christ alone
Final	354	Now thank we all our God

### Reading

### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## Gospel

## Luke 12:32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

## 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**

**Tinned fruit**

**Dried potato**

**Tinned potatoes**

**Cuppa Soup**

**Bags of sugar (500g)**

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

The foodbank has sent this message to us:

**Hallo to all at St George's and St Nicholas, On behalf of Letchworth Food Bank I would like to thank you for your generous donations. In the last year your donations of food and money have helped feed 140 people. Thank you so much. Sue Attwood Warehouse manager.**

Well done everyone & thank you for your thoughtfulness.

## 100 Club

The winners of the July super draw are:

1st prize - Carol Greateorex    2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Emma Boniface

There is no draw in August, so the next 100 Club draw is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## Daily Bible Reading booklets

The NEW 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](mailto:martinwalker1951@gmail.com)).

## Aspire Recycling collection

Please support Aspire by bringing items for recycling with Terracycle. Biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers, tea and coffee flexible packaging. Our first box of wrappers has now been sent to Terracycle. Thank you! Please contact Angie ([amcaldwe@yahoo.com](mailto:amcaldwe@yahoo.com)) or Liz ([lizbeardmore53@gmail.com](mailto:lizbeardmore53@gmail.com)).

## General Synod Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a **lay member** on General Synod for the remainder of the current term, ending most likely in July 2026. For more information about this position and the application process, please consult: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/about-us/governance/synods-boards-and-committees/general-synod-election-to-fill-lay-casual-vacancy-2025/>.

Completed nominations must be submitted no later than **12.00 noon** on **Wednesday 20 August 2025**.

## Messy church

Messy church takes place on 14th August. Please pray that the parents and children will benefit and understand God's message from the activities and talk.