



Sunday 24 January 2021

Conversion of Paul,
Epiphany 3

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & ST PAUL

New Parish Web Site www.stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk

Letter from the Rector to all parishioners

Dear Friends,

Closure of our churches for public worship. The PCC met on Monday and discussed a Standing Committee proposal to extend the current closure for Public Worship. After an exchange of views and a varied discussion it was decided to continue the closure until a review by the PCC on 15th February. Should it be safe to open sooner the Standing Committee will make that decision.

This week's Zoom service comes from St Paul's for their Patronal Festival to celebrate the Conversion of St Paul (moved from the 25th). After the service we will - during the social zoom - have a think about Paul's life and example, his influence, and how his life informs our own walk of faith. We'll also hear about how St Paul's church is doing and look to the future before moving on to a more general catch-up. Do grab a coffee (or something stronger?) for this so that we can toast St Paul's Church in their 61st year.

Next Sunday we are zooming from St Mary's to celebrate Candlemas and bring the Christmas and Epiphany celebrations to a close on Sunday 31st January.

Burns Night Supper

Monday, the 25th of January is not only the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and a reason to celebrate, it is also Burns night so why not join us on Zoom that evening at 7pm (invite link below) for some haggis and whisky - or your version of that?

The evening will roughly follow this order: A sharing of your supper (well at least a description or the showing of a sample of what you had to eat and how it was distinctively Scottish!), readings and poems, the bagpipes, whisky the dram of Scotland, how to make the famous 'gravy' for haggis, and finishing with a sing-a-long!

Don't forget that you can also dress up for the occasion and we can compare bonnets! As well as all this excitement we will raise a wee dram to St Paul and St Paul's Church. Slange Var! Your zoom invitation is below.

Lent There will be an interactive on-line (and package delivered to your door) Lent Event for families of all age to take part in. More info soon!

John

The Revd Canon John Williams Team Rector
in the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry



Burns Night Supper

Topic: Burns Night Supper
Time: Jan 25, 2021 07:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373552667?pwd=aTEzS1ErSEo5TDVUaDlVeE9Vb21GZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 7355 2667
Passcode: 257899

9.30am Sunday Zoom Services

Topic: 9.30am Parish Worship
Every week until Feb 7, 2021, 3 occurrences
Jan 24, 2021 09:30 AM
Jan 31, 2021 09:30 AM
Feb 7, 2021 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Meetings
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89906327900?pwd=OUh3MlBPRlBVQlpHeDFDZk9sVklydz09>

Meeting ID: 899 0632 7900
Passcode: 404969

Sunday after worship Zoom Socials

(Note: you won't be able to access these sessions until the service has concluded which may be later than 10.30)

Topic: Sunday after church 'catch-up'
Every week until Feb 7, 2021, 3 occurrences
Jan 24, 2021 10:30 AM
Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM
Feb 7, 2021 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meetings
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136355630?pwd=RjZOemxQdFh3Q0NpQUo0amRmdTFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 3635 5630
Passcode: 705340

Please Note: The links and passcodes to join the meetings is the same for each of the three weeks

The Salisbury Bequest

Thanks to the acumen of various financial administrators, there is still a sizeable amount left in this fund. So far, it has paid for a number of excellent projects and building works, and it is now time to decide what to do with the remainder, always remembering Richard Salisbury's wish that it be spent on large projects that would otherwise be unachievable, and which build up the Church (in both the physical and spiritual sense). We are now asking all parishioners to let us know their ideas and preferences on how the money should be spent. Please think and pray about this, discuss it with others, consult our MAP and then let Norma Podmore know what your recommendations would be before the end of January. A committee reflecting various interests will be formed to make the final decision. We won't please everybody, but we do want to make the best possible choice for the parish.

DENS Foodbank While there are no live services at either church, I am happy to come round to people's houses and collect from the doorstep anything you might want to donate to the foodbank. Just ring or text me on: 07763 932792 and I will fix a collection time.

The food bank would particularly welcome tinned potatoes, tinned ham and corned beef, tinned fruit, tinned fish, rice puddings, custard, long life fruit juices and hot chocolate.

Norma

Christmas Collections

As was only to be expected, money received at Christmas services this year was considerably less than usual. However, the House of Elliott 'Memory Baubles' sold at the market Christmas Fair raised £300 for the parish. This we will donate to the hospice which usually runs its 'Light up a Life' service in St Mary's in November every year. This year, they were unable to hold this moving service, which commemorates the lives of loved ones who have passed way, and provides wonderful support for bereaved families. It seems an entirely appropriate recipient of the 'Memory Baubles' money. The remainder of money collected, over £200, will be going to the Liberty Tea Rooms, who are working with local people suffering severe financial hardship. Unfortunately, given the pandemic and its effects, the need is growing. We are grateful for the opportunity to reach out and support our community in this way.

Lost Letter A letter addressed to Sheila Harrison, DNACPR, Watford Hospital was found in church over the Christmas period. Our concern is that the letter is a form which needs to be returned to the hospital and that someone has misplaced it. We obviously can't open it. Please contact the office on Thursday morning if you know anything about this.

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Bulletin deadline:

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