

In our prayers this week

The work of: Send a Cow, a charity we support
Our School, St Mary's: For pupils and their families
In the Deanery: Christ Church, Chorleywood
In the Circuit: Trinity Methodist Church, Watford
Ecumenical friends: Rickmansworth Baptist Church
In Rickmansworth: Langdale Lodge, Swan Close
At St Mary's: For our Charitable Giving Working Party
Amongst those unwell: Tintie Bennett, Katrina Bond, Margaret Collins, Henry Cutting, Trevor Wallace, Mary Wallis, Pat Woollams, Jaleh Yeaman, Charlie, Frankie, Grace, Katy, Mary, Steve, Ted, Tim

Prayers during the time of the coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic

Each day you are invited to light two candles in your home: one for those affected by the coronavirus and the other for those listed below

<i>Sunday 27</i>	Those attending hospital for treatment
<i>Monday 28</i>	Those leading the nations
<i>Tuesday 29</i>	Community nurses
<i>Wednesday 30</i>	Those caring at home
<i>Thursday 1</i>	Children away from school
<i>Friday 2</i>	Bereavement counsellors
<i>Saturday 3</i>	New parents

A prayer for all affected by Coronavirus Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Midweek Holy Communion: *previous Sunday's readings*

Readings for next Sunday - Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 28: 1-14; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 17: 11-19

Gifts given in grace: When we gather together on the first Sunday following the present lock-down, the blessed Palm Crosses, bread and wine consecrated on Maundy Thursday and Easter Eggs bought in readiness to be shared on Easter Day will all be ready and waiting for us all to share. Christ is in our midst - present through the Cross, the bread and wine, and the New Life of the Resurrection.



Notices

Alex Huzzey's Ordination: Please pray for Alex as he is ordained Priest on Monday 28 September. His Ordination was delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. He continued to serve at St Peter's, St Alban's, and I hope we will be able to welcome him to St Mary's one Sunday soon.

Virtual Pilgrimage: Although we can't make our annual Patronal Pilgrimage this year, we're inviting members and friends of St Mary's to raise funds for our Church by walking, jogging, cycling, swimming or doing laps of our gardens like Captain Sir Tom Moore. The distances which we walk, jog, cycle, swim or lap would be recorded and the total number of miles would lead us to a place of pilgrimage somewhere in the British Isles. Please see the church website or contact the Church Office to find out more.

Annual Church Meetings: These will take place directly after the morning Service on Sunday 11 October - in Church and via Zoom. Papers to follow in the coming weeks. Please save the date.

Church Elections: We are seeking people to fill the following roles as elections for these are held each year: Methodist Steward, Churchwardens, members of the United Church Council, Circuit Steward. In addition we have 3 places for Deanery Synod - which are each for a 3 year Term. Please consider serving St Mary's in one of these many roles.

Church Giving - Finance: Thank you to those who continue to give regularly to the finances of St Mary's to support our ongoing ministry serving the whole community. If you usually give when in church by placing money into the collection bowl on a Sunday morning, now is a really good time to join the [Parish Giving Scheme](#). You can contact those who operate the scheme on a dedicated phone number: 0333 002 1271. The Identifying Code for St Mary's is: 320632196. If you wish to make a one-off donation to the ongoing shortfall, there are three different ways to do this: 1) please send a **cheque** to the Church Office (payable to **Rickmansworth PCC**); 2) make a Bank Transfer, please contact our Church Treasurer on: treasurer@stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk for Bank details; 3) Use the new [on-line facility](#) for donations.

Jars for Change: Please bring your Lent Money to church. The ongoing instruction to wash our hands for a minimum of 20 seconds in order for them to be thoroughly clean will have made us even more aware of the value of readily available water.

Knitted squares: At present, can you please hold onto any that you have made/are making as I am running out of room! *Beryl Baker*

Returning to Public Worship. We are holding Services each week at 10am on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please follow the guidance for **booking** and **attending** Services in the Booklet **Worship in Church - Covid-19 - Advice Booklet**. Please contact the Church Office if you require a copy.

Please note! The events below are not taking place at the moment.
We shall advertise the start date for each when they are to begin again.

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This Creative Church for **everyone - of all ages** will begin again the Autumn... watch this space for dates!

With a weekly Quizzes led the children of our church, Craft activities to try, Crosswords, Wordsearches, reflecting together on Bible stories and a time of prayer to which we can all contribute, everyone will have something to learn and to share!



St Mary's 'Little Angels' Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby & Toddler Group - Cloisters Hall on Thursdays: 9.30-11.30am during Term-time. Craft, play and Music Time, £1.50 'family group' per session.

A **safe space** for Spouses/relatives/friends who are Carers and those for whom they care - with

MONDAY MORNING TLC

Offering space and activities for those who receive and offer Care

refreshments, conversation and activities. Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10.30am-12pm, Cloisters Hall, The Cloisters.

St Mary's 750: 2020 is the 750th Anniversary of the formation of the Parish of Rickmansworth. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our schedule of celebratory events has been put on hold for now but we hope to re-schedule them at a later date. There's more information on our website and we look forward to welcoming you to events when they take place.

Safeguarding: Being alert to matters of Safeguarding (ensuring the care and welfare of children and vulnerable adults) is something to which are all invited to be attentive. There are information cards at the back of church which you are welcome to pick up which give useful information - including warning signs to look out for, contact numbers and websites for information and support. *Deborah*

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St Mary's lies within the *Deanery of Rickmansworth and Diocese of St Alban's*, and the *West Herts & Borders Circuit and Beds, Essex and Herts District*



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

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Welcome to St Mary's!

Sunday 27th September 2020

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

For the latest news visit: stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk

10am: Holy Communion: United Rite

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's diary - Z = via Zoom, Z+ = Zoom phone-in, F = via Facebook Live

Mon 28 7.45pm z, z⁺ Church Centre Committee Meeting

Tue 29 2.00pm z, z⁺ Tuesday@2 Social gathering

Wed 30 10.00am Holy Communion: United Rite

11.00am z, z⁺ *Sitting with Scripture*, looking at next Sunday's readings

7.45pm z, z⁺ Meeting of Methodist Members

Sat 3-Sun 4 *Virtual Pilgrimage Weekend*

Zoom Codes/Passwords are sent separately. Please contact the Church Office.

Harvest Celebrations 2020

Practical donations: Dried pasta and packet goods as well as tins of vegetables, beans and fruit - all with a long shelf life - will be most welcome. These will be given to local charities supporting the homeless and vulnerable.

Monetary donations: to the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal can be made by sending a cheque through to the Church Office made payable to Rickmansworth PCC in an envelope marked Harvest Appeal.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

