

ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

30 March

Mothering Sunday

St Mary's 8am service - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)
 St Mary's 4pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong
 St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 30 th Mothering Sunday	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St Mary's	Church open for visitors until 4.30pm
Monday 31 st	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 1 st	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 2 nd	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
	8pm	Parish Centre	Lent Course
Thursday 3 rd	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 6 th	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Psalm 34. 11-20

Luke 2. 33-35

COLLECT:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OUR NEWS

I AM MARK

On Fri 9 May, 7pm at St Martin's, Knebworth Family of Churches will be hosting a dramatised performance of Mark's Gospel. This is a very special opportunity to hear the text come to life with a professional Christian actor. More details at www.iam-mark.com. Tickets are £10, students free, available on the door, in advance via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), or from our churches in the next couple of weeks. Tell your friends and book early as this is likely to be a very popular event!

REMINDER!

The Electoral Roll is being revised this year. Please complete an application form (available in both churches) by **Sunday 13th April** to be included as it is an important part of church life. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Rev Charles King or myself (Anne Purvis mobile 07758 118613 or email ann3p3rv3s@googlemail.com)

LENT COURSE

Everyone is welcome to join the three evenings of the church Lent course, whether or not you can make all or some of the dates. These will be at St Martin's Parish Centre on Wednesday **2 April and 9 April at 8pm.**

EASTER LILIES

Anyone wishing to donate to the Easter Lilies at St Mary's in memory of family and friends please contact Linda Mitchell on 01438 813377 or 07917 130034. Before Sunday 14th April. For St Martin's please contact Mary Theobald or Penny.

ONE HOUR A MONTH HELP?

Would you be able to give an hour, towards the end of the month, to open the church and sit while distributors pick up their Parish News rounds? You choose a convenient time on the day needed, and there's no obligation to do it, if you not available when asked. We're hoping to gather a team of four volunteers, and we're currently down to two. If we gather a team you would not be needed every month. Please contact Penny if you can help.

NEXT BISHOP OF ST ALBANS AND ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY – YOUR SAY!

We are all invited to take part in the process to select the next **Bishop of St Albans**. Please let Charles have any responses to the following by 15 April:

- What fills you with joy and hope about the ministry and mission of the Church in the Diocese of St Albans?
- What are the challenges and frustrations, and what would you like to change?
- What gifts, qualities and experience do you think are needed in an incoming Bishop?
- Do you have any names that you feel the process should consider?

To take part in the consultations for the appointment of the next **Archbishop of Canterbury**, visit: <https://www.cofe.io/ABC106Survey>

RURAL DEAN

Last month Archdeacon Janet commissioned me as Rural Dean of Stevenage. As well as leading the deanery synod (the next level up of governance from our own church council, the PCC), the role involves offering support to all the Church of England parishes in Stevenage, and particularly to the clergy and ministers. Rev Andy Thomas was the previous Rural Dean, and you might remember the support he offered us. Do speak to me if you'd like to know more! Charles

Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Mick & Sue Willis, Father Philip and Helmut Proff.
- Thanksgiving for the healing of Janet Wright.
- Those who have died: Especially the family and friends of Jenny Milne.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; Bishop Jane; Archdeacon Janet, and all those who support us in our worship and ministry.
- Places suffering from war, conflict and strife, among them: The Holy Land – Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Mali, Yemen, and Sudan.

Please email any contributions for this e-leaflet by **12.30pm Tuesday**
to: knebworthnews@gmail.com