



## **Notices for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

- **A Very Warm Welcome** to everyone to our worship this morning. Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service.
- **If you are new to the Church** and would like to get to know more about us, please speak to a welcomer after the service or look on our website – address on the front page.
- **Sunday School** resumes this morning during the morning service. This term we will be starting a new Pathfinders group for any young people aged 11 - 14 years old, (school years 6 - 9), as well as the usual group for younger children aged 3 - 10 years old. Do come and join us in the Church Centre when the announcement is made near the beginning of the service. All welcome. If you have any questions please speak to Jenny Whittick, Caroline Jones or Margaret Greenstreet.
- **Annual Vestry Meeting to Elect Churchwardens together with Annual Church Meeting** is on Sunday 19th May at 12.00noon. If you would like to stand for election as Churchwarden or to PCC please speak to Eileen Roby.
- **Parochial Church Council** meets tomorrow evening, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, at 7.30pm in the Church Centre.
- **Tony's last Sunday in the Parish** will be 9<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a Farewell Lunch on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June to which you are all invited. Further details in due course but please note the date.
- **Tuesday Toddlers** – 9.30 to 11.00am in the Church Centre for all babies and toddlers and their parents/carers.
- **Midweek Communion** on Wednesday at 12.30pm.

➤ **Thursday Coffee Morning** – 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Heydon Chapel – all welcome. Free refreshments, jigsaw and a chat in a warm, welcoming space.

➤ **Thursday Lunchtime Concerts** take a break until 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

➤ **Knit & Natter** – 11.00am to 1.00pm on Friday – not just knitters but all crafters welcome.

➤ **St Mary's News** - April edition available in paper form in church today and on the website.

➤ **Climate Emergency** – what is St Mary's doing to tackle the emergency? The Climate Action Group has produced an up-to-date leaflet of what they have been doing – please take a copy to find out, and also, to see how you could help.

➤ **How Bad are Bananas?** Did you borrow a copy of this book some time ago? Do you still have it on your bookshelf? Could you return it, please, so others can borrow it? Just leave it at the back of church ....

➤ **New Hope's Annual Celebration Service**, 'Hope and a Future', at St Luke's Church, Langley Way, on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm. The Revd Tony Rindl will be sharing some thoughts on hope; and New Hope's Chaplain, Sarah Shaw will be leading worship, reflecting on the theme 'hope and a future', and giving thanks for 34 years of God's provision to and through New Hope. Parking is available at the church and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

➤ **Watford International Piano Competition** will be held in St Mary's on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May between 12.00noon and 5.00pm. Tickets £15; free for under-25s. Come and listen to some of the most exciting young talent of the future. The three winners will then perform at our Thursday Lunchtime Concerts in June.

➤ **Bishop's Open Garden** between 2.00 and 4.00pm on Sundays between 9th June and 11th August – two acres of hidden garden in the heart of the city of St Albans (Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD) - £5 entry (children free); dogs on leads; no toilet facilities; no parking on site. In aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.