

# ST HUGH & ST JOHN, CHELLS

## If you are new to this Church WELCOME !!

Please make yourself known to the Ministers after the Service and/or fill in one of the 'Contact Cards' in the pews.

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after the Service – please stay and join us

Children of all ages are very welcome in this church. There is a Crèche available in the chapel at the back for those families who want to use it but equally feel free to keep your children with you in church throughout the service if you would prefer that. We know that children do make a noise and need to move around and they are welcome to do so. If children become distressed you may wish to consider taking them out for a short time.

Junior Church takes place in the Hall on every term-time Sunday apart from the first Sunday each month.

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday after Ascension Day

**Special Prayer: (Collect)** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Services:** 8.45 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Preaching Service - Richard Dyster (*Duncan is at Stotfold*)

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11 Page 148 or 147  
John 17:20-26 Page 143 or 141

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 1.30 p.m. Network Meeting at All Saints Church, Pin Green. 'Holidays' – Museum Volunteers.  
8.00 p.m. Housegroup - 125 Derby Way

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 8.00 p.m. Finance Group

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.45 p.m. Wednesday Evening Fellowship - Learning about Togo, a talk by Rod Unger.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Launchpad  
8.00 p.m. Launchpad Plus

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 a.m. Café Grace will be in the Chapel

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 a.m. Springboard

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Pentecost

**Services:** 8.45 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Family Communion  
12.00 p.m. J.A.M. meets in the Hall

**Readings:** Genesis 11:1-9 Page 12  
Acts 2:1-21 Page 149  
John 14:8-17 Page 137

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.45 p.m. JCC Meeting - Chapel  
8.00 p.m. Housegroup

**Wesley Day** 7.45 p.m. Circuit Service at Arlesey Methodist Church to celebrate John Wesley's Conversion experience.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m. Worship Leaders Meeting - Church

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.45 p.m. Wednesday Evening Fellowship - Come and watch a video.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Launchpad  
8.00 p.m. Launchpad Plus

**Café Grace** is open every Friday morning from 10.00 to 11.30 a.m. – come along for coffee and a chat (no charge). Some weeks there are occasional coffee mornings to raise funds for specific causes.

**Pre-School Praise** meets every Wednesday in term-time from 9.15 to 11.00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Babies and toddlers (and their grown ups) all welcome.

**Confirmation 2011** - Confirmation courses will start in September for a Confirmation Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Anyone who is interested should speak to Duncan.

**Fiona would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all who contributed to her leaving gifts.** As well as the silver oil stock and case, we gave her £100 in Garden Centre vouchers to beautify the corner outside her new study window and £170 in John Lewis Vouchers, which will purchase a large rug for the lounge. *(If there is anyone who still wants to make a contribution, see Ruth Jermy who can always purchase more vouchers!)*

**Weekly Prayer Diary - please pray for those who live in the named roads, and for the daily topics.**

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Boxfield Close	Richard Dyster, our Local Preacher today, and our worship leaders, Colin Killick and Slava Budin-Jones.
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bronte Paths	All those from Stevenage involved in visits with representatives from our Twin Towns.
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Brunel Road	The staff at the 'Living Room' helping clients with addiction problems.
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Burns Close	Pupils and teachers from all our local schools.
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	Byron Close	The staff and residents in local Methodist Homes.
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Cabot Close	All who find fellowship at Café Grace on Friday mornings.
Sat 22nd	Cameron Close	Stevenage Street Pastors who now have four teams. The work they do ministering to people in the Old Town and Leisure Park on Saturday evenings.

**Gardening at Church** People very often admire the flowerbeds at the front of the church, but there are also plants and shrubs around the rest of the building. All this takes time and effort to maintain and especially to water. If there is anyone who would be prepared to help occasionally with this, please speak to Rita Killick.

**Stewardship at St Hugh & St John** - New groups (formerly Care Circles) are being arranged and will be announced shortly. If you have already completed a Stewardship Survey, please keep it safe or hand it to Ruth, Terry B-J, Terry C or Sunil.

**Pentecost Praise Evening** There will be a "Pentecost Praise Party" at Christ the King, Symonds Green on Saturday 22nd May. The doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. It will be an informal evening of singing, praise and some fun. Everyone is welcome and should come with their own drinks and nibbles and their voice!

**Christian Aid Week - 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Thank you for helping with the Christian Aid Week Collection. Please give your returned envelopes to Terry Budin-Jones as soon as you can.

**Wednesday Evening Fellowship raised a total of £55.00 for Christian Aid at their meeting last week and donated a further £20.00 giving a total of £75.00.**

**Cornerstone Curry Night - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 p.m. at the Mohan Restaurant, Stevenage High Street**

FC Cornerstone visit Stevenage's link town of Kadoma, Zimbabwe in July. They are taking two teams!! One undertaking football related projects with the schools, YMCA and Churches Football League there and the other, through the Ministers Fraternal there, linking with a home for children orphaned by aids and cholera in the township of Rimuka. To help fund the children's project, the team is holding a fund raising curry night at the MOHAN restaurant in the High Street at 7:30p.m on Sunday the 30th May (just after Revive!). The menu is the Mohans full regular menu, so you can have as little or as much as you like and the Mohan will give a percentage of the takings. If you would like to support the event and book a seat on what will be a fun social occasion with good food do let Andy Hills know tel: 361798 or e mail: [andrew.hills@ntlworld.com](mailto:andrew.hills@ntlworld.com)

**Holy Trinity Festival 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Flower Festival, Environmental Exhibitions, Children's Competitions, Live Music, Refreshments, Special Services. Free Entry (donations welcome). Stevenage Ladies Choir Concert (Tickets £8 & £6). Phone 353229 for all details.

**Knebworth Family of Churches – A Week of Accompanied Prayer Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

There are a few leaflets and application forms available on the Sidesmens Table.

**SPRING HARVEST 2011 - Do you want to come along? See Ruth Jermy for an Information/Booking Sheet**

**North Hertfordshire Methodist Circuit – Administrative Opportunities** The Circuit is looking for volunteers for the following: Circuit Meeting Secretary, Circuit Leadership Team Secretary and Circuit Support Administrator. See Sunil Jayewardene if you would like further details.

**SPARE ROOM?** Alex Tewkesbury (16) is hoping to move back to Stevenage to start a college course, and is looking for a room to rent at a reasonable rate. If you think you could help, please speak to Ruth Jermy who will put you in touch with Jan Tewkesbury for further details.

**Weekly Notice Sheet:** If you have anything that needs to be included on the next notice sheet, please email [ruthjermy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthjermy@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone Ruth on 01438 361799 no later than Thursday evening each week.

**CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

Our Vision is that:  
The communities of which we are part will be centred on Jesus Christ, filled with love, joy and hope, living life to the full, with God as our King.

**CONTACT US AT ANY TIME**

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