



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,
RECTORY LANE, STEVENAGE



Sunday 1 August 2010 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all our worshippers today
Please join us for tea or coffee after the 10.00 am service

8.00 am	<u>Holy Communion</u>	
	Celebrant: Revd Mervyn Terrett	
Readings	Hosea 11: 1 – 11	637
	Luke 12: 13 – 21	735
10.00 am	<u>Parish Communion (Prayer H)</u>	
	Celebrant: Revd Christine Hina	
Readings	as for 8.00 am	
Hymns	Mission Praise	
	Our God is a great big God	Project
	Seek ye first	590
	The Lord's my shepherd (Stonleigh)	Project
	As the deer	37
	Give me oil in my lamp	167

There is no service at 6.30 pm this evening

Today

Stevenage Society for Local History meet at the lych gate at 2.15 pm for a tour around St Nicholas. June Pitcher will give a talk on the monuments and stained glass in the church. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

This week

Tuesday

7.30 pm Vestry Evening – Parish Room
8.00 pm Bell Ringing – Tower

Saturday

2.15 pm Wedding:
Johannah Englebrect and Stuart Ramsey

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8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
3.00 pm Baptisms

Summer Holidays

During August there are no Sunday evening or Wednesday morning services. S Club is on holiday in August and will recommence during the 10.00 am service on 12 September.

See Round and Grapevine also take a break during the summer. Next publications will be for September.

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Good Sermon.....!

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why." "Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"



Looking Ahead – dates for your diary

5 September	Walk to Church Sunday
11 September	Beds & Herts Historic Churches – sponsored Bike & Hike event
14 September 7.45 pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Room
15 September 7.30 pm	QuizAid – Parish Room
26 September	Harvest Festival and Back to Church Sunday
16 October	PCC Away Day
1 – 2 November	Interviewing for new incumbent
3 November	Deanery Confirmation at St Hugh & St John
13 November	Church Bazaar – details to come in the autumn but book the date now!

Confirmation – We are planning to run a confirmation course in September / October (possibly in conjunction with other parishes in the Deanery) in preparation for confirmation in November. If you are interested please contact Christine (telephone and e-mail below) for more information.

QUIZAID – This year's QuizAid will be on **Wednesday 15 September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room**. Light refreshments provided. A minimum donation of £2.50 per person is requested, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid. Sign up on the poster in the Parish Room or see Craig and Alison Hare (telephone 01438 233492, e-mail alisonhare@ntlworld.com). Teams of six – can be arranged on the night if necessary. Come and have fun and compete for the St Nicholas QuizAid trophy!

Great North Run – Half Marathon – This year Adam Steele will be running in September on behalf of the Red Cross. If you would like to support Adam he will be collecting sponsorships during August (telephone 01438 224045, e-mail adam.steele1@ntlworld.com).

Common Tenure – As you may be aware, at the end of January 2011, the Church of England and this Diocese will be adopting a new way of holding the clergy office, generally referred to as Common Tenure. Part of the standard for Common Tenure includes a biennial Ministerial Development Review. The Diocese is searching for people with the right skills and experience who might be potential candidates to conduct these reviews. Training will be provided. See the poster on the porch notice board for more details and consider nominating someone (lay or ordained) who you think may have the right skills. Closing date for nominations is 3 September.

Intercessions – Christine draws up the intercession list each month. If you would like to include someone on the list please contact Christine with details on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday only (telephone and e-mail below).

Website and Tech Team – our new look website is live. There is still a lot of work to get information on the site. So, an opportunity for the more technically minded, or even those who aren't (you do not need to be html literate) – if you are interested in helping to manage the website please contact Paul or Liz (telephone and e-mail details below). We are also looking for people to join the Tech Team to support the increasing use of our screen and projector, sound system and IT facilities for Sunday worship.

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Notice sheet information – Any items for the notice sheet should be given to Liz Hare, preferably by e-mail, by Wednesday evening. (lizhare@ntlworld.com).

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