



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,
RECTORY LANE, STEVENAGE



Sunday 8 August 2010 – Tenth 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 Geoff Tickner	
Readings	Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16	853
	Luke 12: 32 – 40	736
10.00 am	<u>Parish Communion (Prayer A)</u>	
	Celebrant: Revd Geoff Tickner	
Readings	as for 8.00 am	
Hymns	Mission Praise	
	All hail the power of Jesus' name	13
	My hope is built on nothing less	473
	When we walk with the Lord	760
	Father we adore you	139
	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah	201
3.00 pm	<u>Baptisms</u>	
	Minister: Revd Paul Lanham	
	Lenny Taylor	
	Jose-James Fox	
	Kelly and Sophie Barker	



There is no service at 6.30 pm this evening

Today

Banns are called for:

Holly Walsh & Michael Butcher
Lyndsay Edmondson & Matthew Ford
Susan Johnson & Simon Burgess

This week

Tuesday

8.00 pm Bell Ringing – Tower

Thursday

7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
8.00 pm LEAVEN Committee Meeting

Saturday

1.00 pm Wedding: Dee Child & Craig Snowdon
2.15 pm Renewal of Vows: Brenda & Tony Wheeler
3.30 pm Wedding: Clare Mulqueen & Deane Sutclley

Sunday 15 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion

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 in September.

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

The problem with copying.....

A young monk is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that subsequent copies. The abbot says, centuries but you make a good point underneath the monastery where the locked vault that hasn't been opened sees the old abbot. The young monk finds him banging his head against the wall and wailing, 'We missed the **R!** We missed the **R!** We missed the **R!**' The young monk asks the old abbot, 'What's wrong, father?' With a choking voice the old abbot replies, 'The word was.....CELEBRATE!!!'



Looking Ahead – dates for your diary

28 – 30 August	Flower Festival at St Mary's, Graveley – see poster on the porch notice board.
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. Minimum donation of £2.50 per person, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid. Sign up on the poster in the Parish Room or see Craig and Alison Hare. 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 – In September Adam Steele will be running 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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