



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,  
RECTORY LANE, STEVENAGE



Sunday 15 August 2010 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b><u>Holy Communion</u></b>	
	<b>Celebrant: Revd Mervyn Terrett</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2	<b>854</b>
	Luke 12: 49 – 56	<b>736</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b><u>Parish Communion (Prayer H)</u></b>	
	<b>Celebrant: Revd Christine Hina</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	as for 8.00 am	
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>Mission Praise</b>	
	Fight the good fight	<b>143</b>
	I cannot tell	<b>266</b>
	Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice	<b>Sheet</b>
	Be still, for the presence of the Lord	<b>50</b>
	In Christ alone	<b>Sheet</b>

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

**Sunday 22 August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Communion  
3.00 pm Baptisms

**Collect**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price  
through our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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.

*What's in your Bible?*



*A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely.*

*It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mummy, look what I've found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked..*



*With astonishment in his voice the young boy answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"*

### 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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