



St Mary's Church Summer Fete Saturday 2nd July 12.30—4.00pm Free Entry



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Hemel Hempstead Brass Band



Children's Craft Tent

Puzzle Fest (in Church)

Bottle Stall



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Tea and cakes

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Games on the field

Teddy up the Tower



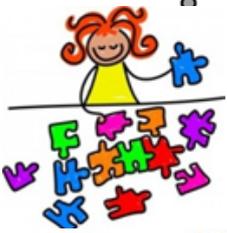
Pony rides (2—4pm)

Face painting

Plant stall



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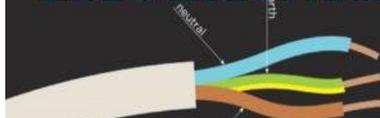
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Choral Workshop: Sing Gloria 2016

The **Sing Gloria 2016** workshop will be held at St Mary's Northchurch on Saturday July 23rd. Our musical director will be local choral director, composer and pianist Richard Grylls and our accompanist will be Ken Martlew, formerly musical director of St Mary's Hemel Hempstead. These two capable musicians will guide the massed choir in exploring, hopefully perfecting and then performing Vivaldi's Gloria in D, the Easter Hymn from Mascagni's opera Cavalleria Rusticana and Parry's magnificent anthem 'I was glad'. A number of other works will be explored during the workshop and if deemed worthy will supplement the main choral works at the evening 'performance' to family, friends and other supporters.

Timings: Doors will open at 1.00pm and the workshop will run from 1.30-5.30pm including breaks. At 6.30pm there will be an informal concert open to families and friends. The cost of the workshop is £15 per person, which includes all music hire, afternoon refreshments and supper. Accompanied children and students may attend the workshop FREE but please do book in the normal way. For those attending the

concert and supper only, a donation of £5 is suggested. St Mary's continues to have a number of pressing financial needs which all profits will go towards.

Parking: The school playground to the rear of the church accessed via New Road will be available for car parking (and disabled access) and the parish rooms with toilets are adjacent to the church.

Booking: PLEASE ensure you book your place by July 1st as a large number of scores will need to be hired for the day. All bookings and further enquiries by e mail to music@stmarysnorthchurch.org.uk

Please state your voice part and whether you are bringing supporters for the evening events to allow us to cater for all.

Homework! A pre-rehearsal will run on Thursday 21st July at St Mary's church from 8-9.45pm. This will be a **free** event and will allow you to get a head start on learning any new works and collecting your music for 48 hours of private study. No booking required! Just turn up during the evening. Car park and toilet facilities will be open.

Choral Workshop at St Mary's Northchurch

Saturday July 23rd 2016

Works to include:

Vivaldi's Gloria

Mascagni: Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana, Parry: I was glad, Franck
Psalm 150 and other choral classics

Musical director: Richard Grylls

Organist: Ken Martlew

Workshop: 1.30-5.30

Concert: 6.30-7.40

Singers: £15 includes music hire, afternoon tea & supper

Family and friends of participants are warmly invited to the informal concert in church at 6.30pm and supper after: £5

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Collection points: Waitrose, Way Inn &
St Mary's Church



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Private 2401 Lionel MORGAN

1st Hertfordshire Regiment

Died 12th June 1916

Lionel Morgan moved to Northchurch as a young boy when his father started work as a labourer at Norcott Hill Farm. When he was 18 Lionel enlisted with 1st Battalion, Hertfordshire Regiment, a Territorial unit, and

was enjoying his first Annual Camp in Ashridge when war broke out in August 1914. At this time, no Territorials could be compelled to serve overseas, but they could volunteer and if more than 80% of a unit volunteered, and they proved their proficiency, they could go as a unit. Lionel and most of his unit volunteered and he was sent to France the following November.

Lionel saw action during the First Battle of Ypres later that month the battle that stopped the Germans reaching the Channel Ports. The following year he took part in the Battle

of Loos during which chlorine gas was used by the British for the first time.

Lionel was to remain in the same area for the next few months alternating time in the trenches with rest period in billets or training around the town of Bethune.

On 9th June 1916, three days after returning to the front line, Lionel was admitted to No33 Casualty Clearing Station at Bethune with serious wounds, probably caused by artillery fire. Three days later he received Holy Communion from the Hospital Chaplain and passed away peacefully at about 10.00. Lionel's burial took place at the Bethune Town Cemetery the following day.

Seven weeks later, Lionel's elder brother Edwin, who was in France with 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, was to die during the Battle of the Somme.

Richard North

Sin

Some Christians talk a lot about sin and non-Christians tend to think that this is a rather negative way of thinking about individual behaviour. There are sins of omission (not doing the good that you could) and sins of commission (where you deliberately do bad things to seemingly benefit yourself). The Apostle Paul gives lists of the second kind of sin: *'immorality, covetousness, idolatry, reviling, drunkenness, swindling'* (1 Corinthians 5, vs.10-11); his list in Galatians 5, vs.19-21 adds *'impurity, sensuality, sorcery, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envyings, carousings'*, and he goes on *'those who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God'* and *'such were some of you, but you were washed and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God'* (1 Corinthians 6, vs.11)

Paul's aim was to get people to re-direct their lives along 'Jesus' lines with standards which enable God to forgive the sins which they will inevitably commit.

We don't earn a place in the Kingdom of God just by virtuous conduct, but we can lose a place if we are not covered by Paul's other list of what God does expect of us as representing evolving growth from our baptism into Christ onward. These positive qualities are described as the fruit of the Spirit and they comprise *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control* (Galatians 5, vs.22-23). Progress in the qualities of this positive list can be pleasing to God and lead to a place in his kingdom.

Edgar Wille

Northchurch W.I.

The W.I. June meeting will be held at the Social Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 13th June, when Clare Wener will be instructing us in the essentials of Chair Yoga. Visitors are very welcome, so come along, make some new friends and get fit for summer.

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Nick Laing ran the London Marathon

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 I tried to smile at the spectators....
 And loved hearing them shout me on...
 I searched for my family amongst them...
 Thrilled when I found them...
 Do I stop for a toilet break...?
 Will I be able to get going again, if I do?
 Just how many discarded bottles of water
 & Lucozade Sport is that...
 Overtaking the 'over-excited', now walk-
 ing...
 Lord, it hurt at 23+ miles...
 But not enough to stop...
 4Hr 37mins 37 secs....
 I can't quite believe it's all over...
 Apparently I'm one in a million...
 I think I actually enjoyed it...
 Never again...



Alison and the children have been immense, Alison will never know how much it meant to me to have that unconditional support.

Thank you, everyone, for the donations and advice (Simon J, in particular), Cliff and Liz for the constant confidence building.
 I'm welling up more writing this than I did before, during or finishing the run!

Nick

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10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Benefice Evening Prayer

12th June

Trinity 3

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10.00am All Age Worship
6.00pm Evening Prayer

19th June

Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist (CW)
6.00pm Compline

26th June

Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Healing Service

5th July

Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All Age Worship
6.00pm Evening Prayer at St Bartholomew's

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Funerals:

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Baptisms:

April 24th Celeste Penelope Jackson
April 30th Ava Buffham
May 8th Mollie Ellen Fish
May 8th Sebastian Alexander Gervas Beecroft
May 22nd George Finlay Dann

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April 30th Nicholas Buffham and Faye Midwinter

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