

The Three Stevenage Catholic Parishes

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Happy New Year

January 2024

A Prayer for the Unity of Christians

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church.

May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th-25th January 2024

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

Reflections on the story of the Good Samaritan have been prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso, visit: <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>

Some Ecumenical events in Stevenage:

1. Thursday 18th Jan, 1.10pm: Liturgical service with prayer and worship
Holy Trinity Church, High St, SG1 3DB
2. Sunday 21st Jan, 7pm: Prayer & Praise - refreshments afterwards
St Peter's Church, The Willows, SG2 8AN
3. Thursday 25th Jan, 6.45pm: An hour of Prayer - with prayer stations
Great Ashby Community Centre, Whitehorse Lane, SG1 6NH
4. Thursday 1st Feb, 7:30pm: Ecumenical Healing Service – St Joseph's, Bedwell.

The Year of Prayer 2024

Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer' to prepare for the Jubilee Year of 2025; more information will follow in due course. Resources can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-year-of-prayer>

St Joseph's, Bedwell - Mass times

Please note there is **no 6pm Mass at St Joseph's, Bedwell on Sundays 21st & 28th January**, also no weekday Masses between 17th-26th January; weekday Mass resumes Wednesday 31st January (7pm). The Church porch will be open for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am-3pm.

Funerals:

Regine Hallinan RIP: Monday 15th January, 12:30pm at Transfiguration Church.

Betsy Forde RIP: Monday 5th February, 12:30pm at St Joseph's followed by committal at Harwood Park Crematorium. May she rest in eternal peace.

Shephall and Bedwell SVP

The Members of both Conferences would like to thank everyone that supported our Advent appeal for food. It was gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with brozycka@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

Coffee mornings at St Hilda's: Tuesday 6th February after the 9:30am Mass.

Sunday 18th February after the 11am Mass. **All welcome.**

St Vincent de Paul/St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary Schools - Reception Class 2024
(Children born between 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020) Closing date for applications Monday 15th January.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s-30s): Liverpool, 16-18 February 2024

Organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See'; if you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? Stay for the weekend or just come on Saturday for the day. There'll be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj: cjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Mass times: St Joseph's, Bedwell

6pm	Saturday (<i>vigil</i> ; Confession 5pm)
10:30am	Sunday
12noon	Sunday
6pm	Sunday (<i>not 21st and 28th Jan</i>)
7pm	Wednesday
	(followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Confession till 8:15pm: Benediction)
9:30am	Thursday and Friday (followed by rosary; then tea & coffee every Thursday)

**Every first Thursday of the month:
7:30pm Eucharistic Healing Service**

Mass times: St Hilda's, Shephall

9:30am	Saturday
	(Confession 6:15pm)
6:30pm	Saturday (<i>vigil</i>)
9:30am	Sunday
11:00am	Sunday
9:30am	Monday (Hoy Hour 10-11am)
9:30am	Tuesday

Mass times: Transfiguration, Old Town

5pm	Saturday (<i>vigil</i>)
	(Confession 4:30-4:45pm)
9am	Sunday
9:30am	Monday
9:30am	Friday