

NOTICES:

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP meets this *THURSDAY, 17th MAY* at *Dagnall Church* at *7.30pm*. Please note the change of day and time. A warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

MESSY CHURCH will be held, in Church on *Tuesday, 29th May* from 11am – 1pm. It's called Messy Church because you can get messy while enjoying craft activities, games, worship and sharing food. This is for children and their parents/carers.

SAFEGUARDING There is a pink folder at the back of the church with all the information you need on this subject.

THY KINGDOM COME 2018 - A GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER 10TH – 20TH MAY

Thy Kingdom Come is already underway and we will have held 3 morning and evening prayer services plus one of the prayer walks. The morning and evening prayer gatherings here, in church are at 10.00am and 6.00pm until 19th May. The exceptions will be Prayer and Praise at Dagnall at 7.30 17th May and an exciting Celebration Service at St Albans Cathedral 6.30 19th May with Archbishop Justin Welby. Our next Prayer Walk around the village will be Friday 18th at 10.30 after Morning Prayer. We will start at St Mary's, stopping to pray at key points and finish at Edlesborough Café for a welcome coffee and cake! If you haven't already, please do come and join in, EVERYONE is welcome and it's hoped that all who participate will deepen their friendship with Jesus, help others to know Him or come to know Him better, and realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. We also have some resources for you to take away such as Prayer Journals and Novenas, bookmarks and Prayer Cards. Please ask the PCC or sidespersons or they will be available at Morning and Evening Prayer.

NORTH CHILTERNERS GROUP AGM - this year's AGM will again be held at the Dunstable Downs Golf Club and will commence at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May. If you plan to attend, could you please let me know by midday on 20th May as the usual sumptuous buffet supper is to be provided. Thank you, Chris Banks (221556).

FIRE OF LOVE A service of meditation for Pentecost. Let yourself be found in the stillness – and be renewed by poetry from our own time, organ music across several centuries (played by Adrian Lenthall), and readings from the Bible. *Sunday 20th May 2018* at 4.00pm at St Mary the Virgin, Church End, Kensworth LU6 3RA.

EATON BRAY WI COFFEE MORNING at Eaton Bray Methodist Hall on *Thursday 24th May* at 10.00 am – 12 Noon. There will be cakes, gifts and bric-a-brac. Entrance is £1 which includes refreshments. Everyone welcome.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

with

EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

13TH MAY 2018

EASTER 7

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

HYMNS

167, 172, 311, 322 & 533, 163

If you usually receive communion in a Christian, Church, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. If you are not a communicant, please come to the altar rail for a blessing, carrying the service book with you.

COFFEE is served at the back of the church after the 10.00am service.

Please stay and meet other members of our parish.

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday. Please do not contact her on that day unless very urgent.

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

Notices for inclusion in next week's
Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion
at mdhmsh@btinternet.com
or (01525 222478)
by 6pm on Thursday please.



COLLECT:

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9–13

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:6–19

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

R: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise to you, O Christ**

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Barnet.

Among those who are sick, we pray especially for Alison T, Ann G, Gary, Ian M, Carole J, Nicola & Steve, Louise & Maureen, Gwen, Sam & Richard, Mary & Jim, Val T, Thelma, Sheila P, Tom, Karen G and Brian C.

At their year's mind, we remember Bill Roberts, Bill Johnstone, Frank Impey, Jim Clarke, Winifred May Archer, Lilian Bunker and Christopher Ashman.

Among those who have died recently, we pray especially for Irene Mary L, her family and friends. Irene's funeral will be at St Mary's on Thursday 24th May at 11am.

NOTICES:

TOTS this week at 1.30pm and includes storytime, singing, crafty things and refreshments.

HOLY COMMUNION 10am *Wednesday 16th May.*