

NOTICES:

NO 10AM SERVICE AT ST MARY'S – Next Sunday 30th September. North Chilterns Group Annual Service at 10am at Stanbridge.

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP meets on *Tuesday, 25th October at 7.30pm* at the home of Chriss Hewitt, 79 High Street, Eaton Bray, where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

HOLY COMMUNION –10am *Wednesday 26th September* - St Mary's Ladies' Guild Communion. Also *Wednesday 3rd October* at 10am.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING Our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support will be *this Friday, 28th September* from 9.30am until midday. This is one of the occasions when we hope to bring more of the community into St Mary's and it is good to have friendly faces providing a welcome. There will be a cake stall (donations to Edna Moore please), cards, books etc. Other offers of help, raffle prizes etc to Sheila Banks please.

TOTS *Tuesday 2nd October* at 1.30pm. Includes storytime, singing, crafty things and refreshments.

HOUSE GROUP meets *Tuesday 2nd October* at 1.30pm at Ashridge Cottage. We welcome newcomers. Please see Eileen Bennett for more information.

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 1.30pm Edlesborough School visit to Church.

COFFEE MORNING *Saturday 6th October* 10.30am-12 Noon. Please support this by donating a cake, sausage rolls or a raffle prize also by coming and enjoying a chat to friends over a naughty cake and coffee/tea. We look forward to welcoming you.

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S – Luton Gospel Community Choir on *Saturday 6th October*. Tickets available from the Box Office on 01525222283.

FOODBANK *Sunday 7th October* is "Foodbank Sunday" and the current urgent requirements are:- Sponge Puddings (long life), Tea (in 40s & 80s), Fruit Juice (UHT/long life) and Savoury snacks (e.g Ritz biscuits, Mini-Cheddars etc.)

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER There will be a short presentation during the 10am service about finances and future plans. Please come along to find out more.

FOCUS MAGAZINE needs a new distributor for Medley Close in Eaton Bray. It is a compact round of about 30 bungalows. If you can help please contact John on 221095. Many thanks.



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

23RD SEPTEMBER

TRINITY 17 HARVEST FESTIVAL

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion with Harvest Celebration

HYMNS

275, 271, 253, 272

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:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Joel 2:21–27

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6–10

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25–33

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

R: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’ 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 Ordination Candidates and in our own diocese, Diocesan Vocations Advisors.

At their year’s mind, we remember Marjorie Gadd, Ian Carter, Vera Davies, Paul Bashford and Doris Sparvell.