

NOTICES:

A NOTE FROM JOY. Thank you all for making last Sunday such a memorable occasion. Your generous gifts were much appreciated, and visitors commented on the warm welcome.

MESSY CHURCH SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY next Sunday at 10am. All welcome. (Don't forget the clocks go forward).

NEEDED FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH. If you could supply any small leaved foliage for the Mothering Sunday posies, could you please let Barbara Morton know and she will arrange to collect during the week. Thank you.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT. Meet at The Vicarage at 9am for a short service of Morning Prayer on Mondays during Lent. All welcome.

NCG LENT COURSE 'The Christ we share': using artwork, we will explore images of Jesus from around the world to gain insight into the Christ we share with Christians worldwide. *Tuesday 12th, 19th & 26th March, 2nd & 9th April* at the Church Hall, Totternhoe. Meet at 7.30pm for tea and coffee before a 7.45pm start. Please, also see the poster on the notice board.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE-GROUP FOR LENT meets this week at Ashridge Cottage. We are looking in detail at Prayer. Newcomers are welcome to join us for any of the four sessions – *19 & 26 March, 2 & 9 April*. For further details please see Eileen Bennett.

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP meets on *Tuesday, 26th March* at 10.30am at the home of Chriss Hewitt, 79 High Street, Eaton Bray, where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

WELCOME CLUB – this *Tuesday, 26th March* at Dagnall; from 2pm-4pm. Everyone welcome – all ages! Do you have any wool, ribbon, beads or buttons you no longer need? Yes? Please bring them to Church for Catherine Hayden.

HOLY COMMUNION *Wednesday 27th March*. St Mary's Ladies' Guild.

APCM This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on *Sunday 7th April* following the morning service. Elections will be held for 2 Church Wardens, 1 Deanery Synod Representative and 4 PCC members. Each post will be for 1 year. Can you volunteer for one of these roles? Please see Joy or Catherine for further details. A buffet lunch will be served.

SPRING CLEAN 13th April If you are able to help with 'spring cleaning' the Church on *Saturday 13th April*, please see Catherine Hayden.

SPRING FAIR *April 27th; 12.00 – 3.00pm* in the Village Hall, Eaton Bray.

FLOWER FESTIVAL This will be on *20-22nd September*.

WEEKEND TRIP TO NORWICH: Please see details of this year's NCG trip on the Notice Board.

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

24TH MARCH 2019

LENT 3

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am - Prayers

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

HYMNS:

605, 252, 411, 565

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Colossians 3:12-17, John 19:25b-27

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:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your 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: Isaiah 55:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

SECOND READING: : 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three

thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: : Luke 13:1–9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

R: Glory to you, O Lord

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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 Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Watford.

At their year's mind, we remember Neville Shaw, Tina Poole, Harold Millins and Louisa White.