

NOTICES:

EASTER LILIES If you would like to contribute towards the Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please give your donations to Barbara or Catherine. Thank you.

SPRING CLEAN To help us get ready for Easter and our special celebration in May, we will be holding a 'Spring Clean' in Church next Saturday, *13th April @ 10.00am*. We hope as many people as possible will join in!

SPECIAL SERVICE, *Wednesday 15th May* - in order to ensure that everything runs smoothly when we are visited by Royalty & VIPs we will need to steward the event, if anyone would be able to steward on that afternoon it would be helpful if you could let me know asap. Many thanks, Chris Banks (221556)

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.

SICK LIST Today is the second, of two Sundays when you can put names onto this month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the Prayer Board at the front of the church. Please note, names are NOT carried forward automatically.

WELCOME CLUB meets this Tuesday at 2pm-4pm at Dagnall. All welcome. Please see Catherine Hayden for more information.

HOLY COMMUNION 10.00am *Wednesday 10th April*.

ST MARY'S LADIES GUILD meets this Wednesday at 2pm in Church. We welcome newcomers. There will be cake and coffee/tea and the speaker will be Gordon Gray.

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

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

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with

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

7TH APRIL 2019

LENT 5

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

HYMNS:

557, 127, 279, 609

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Luke 19:28-40

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:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43:16–21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but

I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:1–8

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

R: Glory to you, O Lord

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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 Province of York in England and in our own diocese, the Diocesan Board of Finance.

At their year's mind, we remember Anthony Roberts, Ivy Hawkes, Cali Gealy, Andrew Plater, Mavis Lee, Rosie Reeves, Charles Stable and Peggy Croxford.

ADDITIONAL WEEKDAY SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK.

Monday in Holy Week	15 April-8pm -	NCG Eucharist, St Mary's, Kensworth
Tuesday in Holy Week	16 April-8pm -	NCG Eucharist, All Saints', Tilsworth
Wednesday in Holy Week	17 April-8pm -	Stations of the Cross, St Mary's Eaton Bray
Maundy Thursday	18 April-8pm -	Solemn Eucharist of The Lord's Supper followed by the Watch
Good Friday –	19 April	
	11am - 1.00pm	Messy Church, Eaton Bray Village Hall
	2pm	"An Hour at the Cross" (Devotional Service)
	6pm	'The way of the cross' service of reflection All Saints' Dagnall