

### FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and in our own diocese, Churches Together.

At their year's mind, we remember Peggy Bearton, Allan Schofield, Debra Woodgate, Leonard Archer, Mark Fry, Julian Wyke and Ron Gray.

### NOTICES:

**THIS AFTERNOON** Churches Together Christian Unity Week of Prayer Service takes place this afternoon at 3pm at Edlesborough Methodist Church. Please try to attend.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Wednesday 22nd January at 10.00am.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY** Next Sunday, 26th January at 9am in Church.

**SAVE THE DATE** Lent course; Tuesdays in March – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. More details to follow.

**PLEASE HELP!** Are you able to help by joining the team on the Brass Cleaning Rota? After many years Anne Crofts is taking a well earned retirement and we are grateful for all her help. Each person on the team cleans the brass and silver twice a year so we need a volunteer for February and August. If you feel you could join the team please contact Megan on 221182 or by email at bryandmegan@tiscali.co.uk.

**TEDDY BEARS** for baptisms. Please would all you knitters in the congregation get your knitting needles out and knit some more lovely teddy bears? There is a box of wool and stuffing at the back of the church - please help yourselves!

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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### WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

19TH JANUARY 2020

EPIPHANY 2

#### SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Worship for Everyone – Non Eucharistic

10.30am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

3.00pm - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at  
Edlesborough Methodist Church

#### HYMNS

453, Sheet – There is a Redeemer, 90 verse 2 only, 233,

Sheet – Go tell it on the mountain, 622

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

*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.

**Churchwardens: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)**

**Angela Dunford (01525 221944)**

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, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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**

**READING: Isaiah 49:1–7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9**

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

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29–42**

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

**R: Glory to you, O Lord**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

## NOTICES: CONTINUED

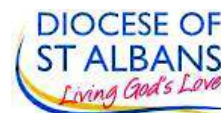
**RECYCLING:** A reminder that we collect used printer cartridges to raise money for St Mary's by recycling and we can now also recycle old mobile phones. Please place your used cartridges and mobile phones in the box provided in church. Unfortunately it is no longer possible for us to recycle laser cartridges.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who have turned out cupboards, drawers etc to donate blankets, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. Three ladies who live locally have been organising for these items to be taken to the refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece. The ladies are working alongside the charity Peacedirect and are very appreciative of our donated items which will be put to good use. The next planned convoy is for the end of February or early March.

The donated sleeping bags will be distributed locally by homeless shelters to people sleeping rough so should make a difference to those coping with winter temperatures. Thank you all for your generosity.

**SHEILA HEFFER** A group of people who remember Sheila Heffer and her many kindnesses in this community, plan to make a donation to 'Send A Cow', a charity which helps impoverished communities in Africa and which some years ago Sheila put forward as a charity to be supported at St Marys. Sheila's aim was to raise enough money to buy a cow; in fact we ended up sending a whole farmyard! If you would like to make a contribution to this initiative in Sheila's memory, please speak to Catherine Hayden or Chris Hewitt.

**BISHOP'S RESPONSE TO BBC DOCUMENTARY ON PETER BALL** "With safeguarding in the public eye again this week, I'd like to take a moment to remind you how seriously we take safeguarding in the parish. We follow all the requirements of the House of Bishops' policy and the church legislative requirements. We practise safe recruiting and we have a parish safeguarding officer. We have participated in the diocese's safeguarding training and follow the requirement for this to be refreshed every three years. There is signposting on the parish website and noticeboards about who to contact in case there are any issues anyone wishes to raise. The diocese's and our approach to handling any situation that does arise is best described as 'survivor led.'



## VACANCIES

**Ministry Development Team Administrator (Part Time)** Applications are invited for this busy and varied post supporting the work of the Ministry Development Team including the management of training events and administration of reviews for curates and readers. Good computer skills essential and an understanding of the Church of England an advantage.

Salary £24,916 - £28,307 (pro-rata) plus generous pension.

Previous applicants do not need to reapply.

Closing date: Friday 24 January –12 noon

### **Diocese of St Albans Board of Education Schools Team Volunteer Administrator (Courses and Conferences)**

Hours of work: Up to 40 occasional days a year (9am – 3pm) supporting and facilitating courses and conferences based at the Diocesan Office.

Purpose of the role and main tasks: To provide support to the School Buildings Officer (SBO)/General Schools Administrator in facilitating and administering courses, conferences and special events.

Duties may include welcoming delegates, serving refreshments, photocopying and course preparation including contacting delegates by phone or email, creating name labels and delegate lists.

### **Diocese of St Albans Board of Education Schools Team Volunteer Administrator (General Administration and Governance)**

Hours of work: Up to 10 hrs a week (within the period 9am -12 noon and/or 1pm -4pm). This can be flexible by arrangement.

Purpose of the role and main task: To provide support to the Schools Team, particularly focusing on the work of the Director's PA/General Schools Administrator and the Governance Officer. The role is based at the Diocesan Office.

The role will involve a range of general administrative duties including photocopying, collating documents, database entry and maintenance of foundation governance records, including filing and online storage.

Further details for all above roles are available at [www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies)