

NCG ASH WEDNESDAY 26th February. Please do try to attend one of these important services as we enter Lent and our journey to the new life of Easter: Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes:

10.00am St Mary's, Eaton Bray
6.30pm All Saints', Tilsworth
7.30pm St Mary's, Kensworth

FOODBANK Next Sunday is "Foodbank Sunday" when we make our monthly donations to the Foodbank. Our current requirements are Tinned Rice Pudding, and packets of Pasta with Sauce, e.g Mugshots. Currently we are well stocked following the public's amazing response in December - we received about 8 tonnes! We are currently overstocked with baked beans, pasta, cereal and soup. The jar will be available for any cash donations. Should any member of the congregation wish to visit the warehouse and see the operation, please contact me. Many thanks to all our donors at St Mary's and All Saints Dagnall for their continued support. Iain Stubbs and the Foodbank Team.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (formerly known as Womens World Day of Prayer) takes place this year on *Friday 6th March*. Everyone is welcome to attend a service at St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray at 2pm. This year's service has been written by our Christian sisters in Zimbabwe and has the title "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Come along and be part of a celebration that encompasses people from over 120 countries and islands around the world.

PCC AGM; Sunday 3rd May. Please consider standing for election for the PCC and if you are interested, please talk to a current PCC member.

DIARY DATE 6th June – NCG coach trip to Coventry Cathedral. If you are interested in going, please see Catherine for further information.

CORONA VIRUS public health precautions for churches received from St Albans Diocese. Please can you note the following:

- current advice on taking Holy Communion is precautionary,
- that the giving of Communion by intinction is suspended (ie dipping the bread in the wine)
- that those with cold or flu symptoms are asked to receive Communion in one kind only,
- that the receiving of communion in one kind only, the bread alone, is sufficient to receive a complete and valid Communion
- these arrangements are being kept under active review.

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

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

23RD FEBRUARY 2020

NEXT BEFORE LENT

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion – Revd Joy Cousans
9.00am – Prayer for Growth Group
10.00am – Sung Holy Communion – Revd Stephen Burge
10.30am – Service of the Word at Dagnall – Revd Joy Cousans

HYMNS

449, 383, 525, 380

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12–18

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9

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

R: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

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 Canada and in our own diocese, the Board of Education and Church Schools.

At their year’s mind, we remember Eric Ruffet, Mollie Barber, Violet Crochford, Ivor Chew, Percy Pitkin, Tom Bodsworth, Ellen Wyke and Evelyn Elworthy.

NOTICES:

SICK LIST Today is the first of two Sundays when you can put names onto next month’s sick list. The list to receive names is on the Prayer Board at the font of Church. Please note that names are not carried forward automatically, unless Marion has been asked to do so or an asterisk has been added to the name.

HOLY COMMUNION with Imposition of Ashes *Wednesday 26th February* at 10.00am.

SHROVE TUESDAY (THIS TUESDAY) Churches Together Locally invite you to ‘Pancakes and Prayer’ on *Shrove Tuesday, 25th February*. We are meeting at Eaton Bray Methodist Church at 6.30pm. Come along to feast on pancakes, socialise with friends and pray together in preparation for Lent.

LENT GROUPS – FURTHER INFORMATION

all are welcome and you don't need to come every week to participate.

The North Chilterns Group of Parishes



Lent groups

Tuesday 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st March

St Giles' Church hall Totternhoe

Refreshments 7.30pm Talk 7.45pm

Christian Worship worldwide

With guest speakers including

Bishop of Bedford

Father Paul Davies

Revd David Jeans