

NOTICES:

WELCOME CLUB meets at All Saints' Dagnall Church *THIS Tuesday, 13th August*, 2pm-4pm. Drop in for a chat, a cuppa and cake. Play board games, toys for children and babies provided. Join us to 'knit and natter' or bring your own craft. All ages welcome. If you would like to come but require transport please phone Angela Dunford on 01525 221944 to arrange a lift.

HOLY COMMUNION 10.00am *Wednesday 14th August*.

ST MARY'S LADIES' GUILD Please note, there is *NO MEETING* in August.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE Our monthly group will meet again at 10.15 *THIS Thursday 15th August* at the home of Diana Barry in Great Billington. Everyone will be made most welcome as we continue to explore the Gospel of Luke. Please call 01525 381273 if more information is required.

NORTH CHILTERN'S GROUP QUIET MORNING on *Saturday, 7th September* at St Mary's Church, Redbourn – commencing at 9.30am. Led by the Revd Canon Liz Hughes.

CELEBRATION EUCHARIST FOR OUR 800 YEARS and Patronal Service.

On the *8th September* Bishop Richard will lead this special service. The Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff and Mayor of Dunstable will be coming; also Coralie, Roger Davis and Malcolm. There will be refreshments after the service.

THE ANNUAL BIKE & HIKE in aid of Beds & Herts Historic Churches takes place on *Saturday September 14th*. Please do consider doing a sponsored jaunt either by bike, foot or car. Sponsorship forms will be on the bookcase shortly. Alternatively, if you are able to help man this Church to welcome visitors then you will find a rota on the Notice Board – just fill in your name against the appropriate time. Many thanks for your support. Peter Bennett (01525 221284)

FLOWER FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENING tickets for this, on *Friday September 20th* at 7pm-9pm, price £10, which includes wine, canapés and music are now available from Angela Dunford, 01525 221944 or angela.dunford29@gmail.com

FOODBANK – THANKYOU to everyone who donated to the foodbank last Sunday. It was the largest donation St Mary's has ever provided – thank you – Iain and the foodbank team.

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF BEDFORDSHIRE MERYL DOLLING has sent an invitation for two guests to the 'High Sheriff's Justice Service' at St Paul's Church, Bedford. This is on *Sunday 22nd September* at 3.00pm following on afterwards at The Corn Exchange Bedford. If anyone is interested in accepting the invitation then please see Angela Dunford for more details.

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

11TH AUGUST 2019 TRINITY 8

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.00am – Sung Holy Communion

HYMNS:

368, 537, 627, sheet – I will sing the wondrous story,
sheet – Holy Spirit breath of God, 468

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

taken from New Standard Revised Version

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been

thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:32–40

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

R: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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 Episcopal Church of the Philippines and in our own diocese, Diocesan Youth Initiatives and the Youth Officer.

At their year’s mind, we remember David Phillips, Victor Hawkes, Byron Murrell, Sheila Scott, Lilian Fenn, Donnie Ayers, John Leader, Pat Stoten, Sybil Thorne, Kyra Shaw and Eileen Castle.

Among those getting married, we pray especially for James and Rebecca who are to be married here on Saturday 24th August.