

NOTICES CONTINUED:

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension Day and Pentecost and will take place this year between 13th May-23rd May 2021.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, that we would be effective in our witness

The invitation in 2016 from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow in its outreach to different churches and denominations the Methodist and catholic churches in this country and others throughout the world.

There will be a list of the meetings in church and zoom that we hope you will join in with and details of the services for Ascension and Pentecost on 13th May and 23rd May nearer the time.

There will also be the opportunity to do a prayer walk with others or on your own, the map and prayers will be available on request via email or from Chriss. These were prayerfully designed by Sue Walker which others have said they found helpful and uplifting last year.

Those who have joined us in church, zoom or walked and prayed in previous years have found these times very uplifting, knowing that many others are also praying, and people are finding a personal faith.

Chriss

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 **Tuesday** please.

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

18TH APRIL 2021

EASTER 3

SERVICES TODAY

10.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion at Dagnall

Welcome Back We are hopeful that the situation is improving, but we must continue with all our previous precautions. Chairs have been arranged to create appropriate distance between individuals or households, hand sanitiser is available to be used as you enter and leave church and face coverings must still be worn.

I know you will be delighted to see friends again, but please do not linger in church after the service; conversations can take place more safely outside with social distancing.

Arrangements for Holy Communion are as previously. Please come forward at the appropriate time starting from the front. Be aware of other people and avoid queuing. When you have been given the wafer, move a metre or two aside to receive it by raising or lowering your face mask, and then return to your seat by the side aisles.

Please note that our 10am services will continue to be live-streamed; seats at the back half of the church are not in camera shot. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a service booklet so they can follow the service at home, please let us know. Catherine & Angela



COLLECT:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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: Acts 3:12–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36–48

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

Glory to you, O Lord

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he

said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you O Christ**

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Church of the Methodist Church and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of St Albans.

We pray for the sick, and the bereaved.

At their year's mind, we remember Kathleen Dean, Doug Worley, Bryan Griffiths, Walter Smith, Nora Roberts, Jack Stock, Spencer Fountaine, Doris Dunsby, Jean-Paul Wendeler and Kenneth Gower.

NOTICES:

Associate Minister We are delighted that Stephen Burge will be staying with us after his curacy ends. He will become an Associate Minister of the parish at a service on Thursday April 22nd at 7pm in St Mary's. We look forward to welcoming the Archdeacon of Bedford, Dave Middlebrook to this service; and we hope you can join us for this special occasion. If you are intending to come please contact Catherine Hayden at churchwarden@stmaryseatonbray.org.uk so that we have some idea of numbers.'

The Pastoral Care Group would very much like your assistance in identifying any of our parishioners who might be sick or otherwise benefit from their support. Please contact Catherine Hayden in this regard. Many thanks.

Our Electoral Roll is due for renewal prior to this year's APCM. If you are not already on the roll and wish to be included please complete an application form available from the Churchwardens (Catherine Hayden and Angela Dunford) or the Electoral Roll Officer (Diane Goodwin). If you are already on the electoral roll please check your details on the roll which will be displayed in St Mary's church.

The APCM will take place on Sunday 9th May towards the end of the service.