

NOTICES:

Carnival Donations – Carnival is approaching and this is a plea to your generosity. Bottles of wine and sweets are required for the St. Mary's Church carnival stalls – 'Water into Wine' and 'Children's Sweet Tombola'. If you are able to, please give donations of wine to Sue and Tony Tucker and donations of sweets to Angela Dunford. Many thanks in advance for your help.

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.

Scavenger Hunt Get out and about and have some fun doing a scavenger hunt whilst raising funds for St. Mary's. Hone your observation skills and see how much you know about the villages of Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall. Barbara Morton has all the details you will need - copies of the hunts, the answers and payment details. Please contact Barbara on barbara.morton1@gmail.com We suggest a donation of £5 per each village quiz or £10 for all three. Enjoy



Help needed, please! Are you able to join the team on the Brass Cleaning Rota? Two of our helpers are no longer able to continue, leaving just four of us to keep the brass sparkling with our polish and dusters. If two more volunteers come forward you would only need to clean the brass twice a year. Please contact Megan on 221182 if you able to help.

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, EATONBRAY with EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

6TH JUNE 2021
TRINITY 1

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today at 10.00am – Holy Communion
Wednesday at 10.00am – Holy Communion

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 we 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 Sunday service at St Mary's 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:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I believed, and so I spoke’ – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 3:20 – 35

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

Glory to you, O Lord

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’ – for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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 Anglican Church in Mexico and in our own diocese, the Archdeacon of Hertford.

We pray for the sick, and the bereaved.

At their year’s mind, we remember Ted West, Doris Munn, Peter Bennett, Vic Seymour, George Mitchell, Alan Pavey, Louisa Tompkins and Hilda Gardiner.