

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATONBRAY

with

EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

12TH SEPTEMBER 2021 - TRINITY 15

Services This Week

Today	10.00am – Sung Holy Communion
Today	10.30am – Harvest Festival at Dagnall followed by a BBQ
Today	3.00pm – Bells
Today	4.00pm – Songs of Praise at Edlesborough
Wednesday	10.00am – Holy Communion

Hymns

Gloria, 558, 318, 622

Covid Information

You will see today that the seating in church has at last been reinstated as 'normal'. However, to continue to keep everyone safe we would ask you to continue to observe social distancing rules, as well as the use of masks and sanitiser.

Should you wish, for your own peace of mind, to keep the seat(s) next to you vacant, please take one of the coloured cards from the bookcase to indicate your wishes to other worshippers.

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 for a blessing, carrying the service book with you.

Please join us for coffee after the service.

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)**



COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

READINGS

James 3:1–12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–38

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of

Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 province of Central Africa and in our own diocese, the Board for Christian Development.

We pray for the sick, those who have died recently and their families and friends.

At their year's mind, we remember Doris Baldwin, Elsie Moore, Edwin French and Douglas Bone.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 19th September

8.00am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's, Eaton Bray

10.00am Worship for Everyone – Non Eucharistic, St Mary's, Eaton Bray

10.30am Holy Communion at Dagnall

***Please note** our 10am Sunday service is live streamed; seats in the back half of the church are not in camera shot.*

***Collection plates** for your envelopes and other offerings are on the central bookcase. We also have the Sum Up unit there, for easy contactless payment of your donations.*

NOTICES:

***Thank you** to everyone who helped in any way with last Saturday's coffee morning. It was a wonderful social occasion – lots of chatting, laughing and eating! And the icing on the cake is we raised £164.*

NCG Quiet Morning Saturday 18th September at St Giles Church Hall, Totterhoe, starts at 9.30am ending with Eucharist at 12 Noon. This will be led by Rev'd Kaushal David – an opportunity for prayer, calm and reflection.

All are welcome – please let Joy, Catherine or Angela know if you would like to attend.

Dunstable Priory Church Members are excited to be hosting St. Martin's Voices (singers from St. Martin in the Fields). *Saturday 18th September*. There is a free morning workshop for singers. Tickets required available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dunstablepriory> Free performance of 'words and music' at 1pm. This will be followed by a children's music workshop in the afternoon.

Concert by St. Martin's Voices at 6.30pm Tickets £10 (£5 for under 16's) available from:

https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/whatson-event/st-martins-voices-in-concertdunstablepriory/?fbclid=IwAR1Ccs9SC_X2Imr2ZDD6u3gcEkaeAxp2XFhVgDKIzRcFksRvcqUZmd3f4zc

More information on Dunstable Priory Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PrioryChurchDunstable>

Parish Lunch Club will start *next Sunday, 19th September* at 12.30pm.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning Our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support will be on *Friday 24th September* from 10.00am until midday. This is one of the occasions when we bring more of the community into St Mary's and it is good to have friendly faces providing a welcome. There will be a cake stall, books etc. Offers of help, raffle prizes and cakes to Sheila Banks 221556, 07813 077141 or sheilabanks1@aol.com please.

Scavenger Hunt. This is still available. Why not 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

Please take this leaflet home with you

Notices for inclusion in next week's Pew Leaflet should be sent to Marion at mdhmhsh@btinternet.com or (01525 222478) by 6pm on **Thursday**, please