

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATONBRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

24TH OCTOBER 2021 – BIBLE SUNDAY

Services This Week

Today 10.00am - Sung Holy Communion –
the New Internal Noticeboard will be dedicated
Wednesday 10.00am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

Hymns

Gloria, 267, 515, 81

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:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 5:36-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not

believe him whom he has sent. “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

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

Verse for the Month

This verse will also be displayed in the North Chapel of the church.

James 4:8

Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Church in the Province of the Sudan and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Bedford.

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

At their year’s mind, we remember Edna Gray, Tresham Green, John Saving, Ted Betts, Eileen Ellis, Henry Ellis, Freda Stearn and Basil King.

NOTICES:

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. Or you could scan this QR code on your mobile phone which will take you to our Just Giving page:



NOTICES CONTINUED:

Stewardship Response form. Very many thanks to all who have returned their Stewardship form; any others can be placed in the red box in church during services or by post to the vicarage. If it's difficult for you to get out and would like someone to collect it, please let Joy (220261) or Catherine (220527) know.

The New Internal Noticeboard will be dedicated at the end of today's service.

Messy Church. All primary school age children and toddlers with parents, grandparents or carers are welcome to come to 'Messy Church' at St Mary's *this Tuesday, 26th October (half term) from 11am -1pm* for holiday fun activities, singing and Bible stories. The theme will be 'Treasure'. Please bring a picnic.

Eco Coffee Morning! There will be an extra Coffee Morning, *10.30am-12pm next Saturday, 30th October* to celebrate our recent Eco Church bronze award. Please come along to find out more about what it means to be an Eco Church - and of course, to enjoy coffee, cake and conversation with friends! Catherine and Marion would be very pleased for the donation of a cake or cheese scones.

St. Mary's, Eaton Bray Bell Ringers are proud to participate in the initiative to ring out a 'warning' regarding our planet, humanity and our climate. We will join other churches in this nationwide ringing on *Saturday 30th October from 6-6.30 pm*. This will precede the opening of the COP 26 Conference in Glasgow: 1-12th November, 2021.

Poppy Prom Saturday 13th November; featuring South Beds Concert Band; Dagnall Community Choir; Soloist Linda Watkins. Tickets are priced at £12.50 and available from Sharon Stilliard 01525 222283.

Christmas Fair. We are preparing for our Christmas Fair on *27th November* and would welcome donations of chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola, nearly new gifts for our General stall, Raffle prizes, promises of donations of cakes for the cake stall and for refreshments. We will also be having a jigsaw stall so if you have any of those, or any children's toys, please let us have them! Please contact Barbara Morton to donate. If you can help on the day, even just for an hour, please let me know. Thank you for your support!

NOTICES CONTINUED:

Used Ink Cartridges and Old Mobile Phones Do you have an old mobile phone or a few used ink cartridges? We can recycle those for you and earn a little for church funds. Yvonne will gladly recycle them if you would leave them for her in the box by the door. Thanks!

ST. MARY'S LADIES' GUILD. We are hoping to be able to recommence meetings again in church on the second Wednesday of each month. Ladies Guild is a much valued group of ladies from the community and church who enjoy the friendship, support and encouragement that this group provides. Sessions include speakers and fellowship over tea and cake plus occasional meals out. To enable this group to restart we need some help. We are looking for someone to help book monthly speakers, people willing to prepare cakes and people to serve tea at the meetings. The serving of refreshments could be on a rota system so not a monthly commitment. Please consider whether you would be willing to help and be a part of this friendly group.

Any offers of help will be much appreciated. Please contact either Catherine Hayden or Angela Dunford – contact details on the front of this pew leaflet.

Please take these leaflets home with you, for reference.

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