

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATONBRAY with EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

8TH MAY – EASTER 4

Services

Sunday 8th May 10.00am - Parish Eucharist
12.00pm - Wedding Blessing
Wednesday 11th 10.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 15th May 8.00am - Holy Communion
10.00am - Worship for All –
Non Eucharistic
10.30am - Holy Communion at Dagnall
12.00pm - Baptism
12.00pm - Parish Lunch in Village Hall

Hymns

467, 539, 478, 324, 589

Please join us for coffee/tea after the service

Covid Information

Following the Government's recent announcement, wearing face coverings in church is no longer mandatory. However, while infection levels remain high, it is suggested that we continue to wear them so as to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided, and bear in mind the benefits of social distancing. Should you wish, for your own peace of mind, to keep the seat(s) next to you vacant, please use the coloured cards on the bookcase to indicate your wishes to other worshippers.

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 on the desk by the south door, for easy contactless payment of your donations. Or you could scan the QR code (please see on the large notice board) on your mobile phone.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Acts 9:36–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

John 10:22–30

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

Glory to you O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I

give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

Bible Verse for us to reflect on:

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart ...
He will make your paths straight**

Proverbs 3:5,6

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

For Our Prayers:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Barnet..

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

At their year's mind, we remember Alan Westcott, Bill Paddock, William Hampson, R. Woods, Theresa Hill and Ann Plater.

Notices:

Christian Aid week – 15th - 21st May

This year Christian Aid are working with people in Zimbabwe affected by the climate crisis. Zimbabwe is suffering from drought and poor harvests resulting in hunger. Read more about the work of Christian Aid on their website **christianaid.org.uk**.

You may like to give an online cash donation. If so, go to the Donate button on their website page.

Other ways to support the work of Christian Aid are

- to attend a **Hunger Lunch** hosted by the **Salvation Army, Booth Place, Eaton Bray.**

This will take place on: *Tuesday 17th May 11am-1pm*

Soup, bread, and cakes Cost: £5

For further information please Contact : 01582 471117 or 07779939794
or email: eaton.bray@salvationarmy.org.uk

Please let us know before hand for catering purposes.

- Edlesborough Methodist Chapel are holding a coffee morning on *Saturday 28th May*. Donations to be given to Christian Aid. All are welcome to attend.

The North Chilterns Group of Parishes



Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 17 May 2022, Dagnall Church
Commencing at 7pm**

**A look back at NCG activities over past years,
a chance to meet old friends
AND refreshments –
so why not come along, all are welcome.**

The APCM will be held following the 10am service on *Sunday 22nd May*.

Electoral Roll Last year's Electoral Roll will shortly be revised in preparation for the *APCM on May 22nd*. The roll from last year will be displayed on the notice board in church during Sunday services. Please review your entry and make any amendments if needed. If you are not on the roll and would like to be included please speak to Diane Goodwin (Electoral Roll Officer) or one of the Churchwardens (Catherine Hayden and Angela Dunford) or pick up an application form from the bookcase.

St Mary's PCC is looking for additional members. If you feel you could serve in this position, please speak to the Vicar or Catherine Hayden. Also, if you feel you could act as Church Warden, please let us know before the *APCM on 22 May*.

Platinum Jubilee Children's Tea Party

Come and join in the fun on **Sunday 5th June, 2.30 until 4.30pm.**

St. Mary's has invited ~~Smattie~~ **Artie** to entertain us in the churchyard. Please let us know you would like to come – RSVP for catering: sheilabanks1@aol.com

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 continued:

Memorial Service Invitation to celebrate Brian and Esme Bell at 2pm, Saturday 21st May; All Saints Church, Ringshall Road, Dagnall, HP4 1RL. Afterwards at Dunstablians RUFC, Bedford Road, Houghton Regis, LU5 6JW - 3pm till late. Food, drink and music. Please wear Rugby Club colours or bright colours as we want this to be a celebration. RSVP: sandraandsophie@gmail.com

Thy Kingdom Come 2022 26th May – 5th June

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know our Lord Jesus. This year that will be between 26th May and 5th June. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international call to prayer with over 80 church denominations from 172 countries taking part! During the 11 days it is hoped that everyone who takes part will deepen their own relationship with Jesus; pray for 5 friends, family and neighbours to come to faith in Jesus; pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, that we would be effective in our witness.

St Mary's will be organising various events again this year including morning and evening prayer services, booklets to give away and a prayer walk. There will be a list of the services and activities in church that we hope you will join in with and we will keep you up to date via the pew leaflet and St Mary's website and Facebook page. Those who have joined in previous years have found these times very uplifting.

It's hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, help others to know Him or come to know Him better, and realise also that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. You can find more information about Thy Kingdom Come at www.thykingdomcome.global

Confirmation Sunday 26th June 6pm North Chilterns Group Confirmation Service at St Mary's. Anyone thinking about Confirmation please speak to Joy.