

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATONBRAY

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## EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

**22ND MAY – EASTER 6**

### Services

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| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | 10.00am - Parish Eucharist<br>11.00am - APCM     |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am - Holy Communion                         |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30pm - Ascension Day Eucharist<br>Start of TKC |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>     | 10.00am - Parish Eucharist                       |

### Hymns

170, 348, 383, 318, 490

**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:**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

### **Acts 16:9–15**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

### **John 14:23–29**

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

**Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the

Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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 Church of the Province of Melanesia and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Buntingford.

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

At their year's mind, we remember Monty Dunsby, Gladys Markham, Louisa Rowland, Russ Sullivan and Brian Hill.

**Notices:**

**The APCM** is today, following the 10am service.

**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 NOW.

***Platinum Jubilee Children's Tea Party***

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

St. Mary's has invited **Smartie Artie** to entertain us in the churchyard.

Please let us know if you would like to come –  
RSVP for catering: sheilabanks1@aol.com

**Whippet Rescue** Ann has put a lovely thank you letter which she received from J R Whippet Rescue re the donations of used stamps on the notice board by the south door. Monies raised help the society to realise their motto- 'once in our care forever in our care' – they promise to look after any dog which comes into their care for the rest of its life. Do take time to read the letter.

**Please recycle** the following in Church:  
your used stamps in aid of JR Whippet; empty pill blister packets; used ink cartridges and old mobile phones. Please put them in the relevant box.

### **Thy Kingdom Come 2022**

Thy Kingdom Come is starting from this *Thursday, 26th May at 7.15pm through to the 5th June 2022.*

There will be morning and evening prayer services in church.

There are two walks this year, one around the village (as per last year) and one around the churchyard. These will be left on the book case today and throughout TKC for anyone to pick up and use and participate in if you wish.

One of the evening prayer sessions will be via zoom on Thursday 2nd June at 6pm, facilitated by Catherine Hayden. Please let her know if you wish to attend and she will send you the link.

There will also be a prayer and praise on Tuesday 31st May to be advised AM or PM.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE ROTA** which will show dates and times for you to join in and pray, this will also be displayed on the bookcase.

We hope you will be able to join us at some of the morning and evening prayers, zoom or/and enjoy the walks.

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

**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)**

