

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

19TH NOVEMBER – 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Services This Week

Sunday 19 th November	8.00 - Holy Communion 10.00 - Worship for Everyone – Non Eucharistic 10.30 - Holy Communion at Dagnall
Monday 20 th	19.30 - Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 21 st	10.30 - Prayer & Praise
Wednesday 22 nd	10.00 - Holy Communion
Thursday 23 rd	9.45 - Organ Tuning 18.00 - Beavers
Friday 24 th	15.00 - Setting up for Railway Exhibition
Saturday 25 th	8.00 - Railway Exhibition till 18.00
Sunday 26 th	10.00 - Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Hymns Today

427, 477, 127, 109, 254

Important Information

Please note our 10am Sunday service is live streamed.

Collection of your envelopes and other offerings will now be taken during the service. 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.

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)

***Please note: Joy's day off is Friday -
please do not contact her on this day.***

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)



Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Galatians 6:1-18

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 25:14–30

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to

one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

Galatians 5:22

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
forebearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.**

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 Tanzania and in our own diocese, churches in the Deanery of Dunstable. In our own community we pray today for all those who live in Brownlow Avenue, Slickett's Lane, The Willows, Swansons and Townside.

We pray for sidespersons, readers, Flower-arrangers and intercession leaders.

In the wider world, we pray for our growth in patience, humility and forgiveness.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently, their families and friends; for Ian Ogilvy his family and friends; for Robert Calder his family and friends. Robert's funeral will be held at Bierton Crematorium at 12 Noon on Monday, 27th November.

At their year's mind, we remember Albert Hill, Mel Grundy, Marjorie Harborough MBE, Margaret Bis, Mary Thorne, Edna Quinn and Edith Banks.

NOTICES

PRAYER & PRAISE group will be meeting at St Mary's, Eaton Bray this Tuesday, *21st November at 10.30am* where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

MUSIC @ ST MARY'S After three years without a concert I am delighted to let you know that Music@St Mary's will once again be bringing you some tremendous music in the form of **A Festival for Christmas** performed by some of your favourite musicians: South Beds Concert Band led by Matt Quick, Kate Banville (soloist) and Stephen Axford (organ). They will be playing popular music for the season as well as some well known carols. We have done what we can to enable a sizeable audience:

- Afternoon performance so you can get home in daylight – **2pm**
Saturday 9 December at St Mary's, Eaton Bray
- Tickets just £5, Children free from 01525 222283

Please put the date in your diary, get your tickets and tell your friends about what we hope will be a tremendous afternoon. Gordon.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY Today marks 'Safeguarding Sunday' - a time to remind all our parishioners that safeguarding is taken very seriously here at St. Mary's. On an ongoing basis, all mandatory training and background checks are carried out at regular intervals. Any raised concerns are examined closely, and guidance from the St. Albans Diocesan Safeguarding Team sought, where appropriate.

Your Parish Safeguarding Officer is Gaye Soule and she can be reached on 97807924218 (m) if you have any related questions or concerns.