

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

3RD DECEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

Services This Week

Sunday 3 rd December	8.00 - Holy Communion 10.00 - Parish Eucharist 16.00 - NCG Advent Service at Stanbridge 18.30 - Rehearsal for concert
Monday 4 th	19.30 - Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 5 th	14.00 - Eaton Bray Academy Christingle
Wednesday 6 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
Thursday 7 th	18.00 - Beavers
Saturday 9 th	14.00 - A Festival for Christmas
Sunday 10 th	10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Hymns Today

26, 35, 601, 318, 31

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.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 64:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Mark 13:24–37

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and

glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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,
forebearing, kindness, goodness and 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 Church of the Province of Uganda and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Elstow.

In our own community we pray today for all those who live in the Chiltern View Travellers' Caravan Site, Eaton Bray.

We pray for the congregation and church council of All Saints', Dagnall.

In the wider world, we pray for welfare and social services.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently, their families and friends, especially for Revd Canon John Payne-Cook, his family and friends.

At their year's mind, we remember Peter Bradbury, David Dunnett, Peter John Hunt, Gerry Wells, Olga Shaw, Peter Bodsworth, Mary Homan and Christine Clements.

NOTICES

SICK LIST Today is the second of two Sundays when you can put names onto this month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the Prayer Board at the front of the North Chapel.

NCG ADVENT SERVICE this afternoon at 4.00pm at Stanbridge. Everyone is welcome!

MUSIC @ ST MARY'S NEXT SATURDAY!! 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.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

All members of the community are invited to sing Christmas carols and enjoy the festivities at Eaton Bray Academy, LU6 2DT
December 11th at 2PM

Please let Sheila Banks 01525 221556 know if you would like to attend – so those at the Academy will know how many mince pies are needed!

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)

