

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

31ST MARCH 2024 – EASTER DAY

Services This Week

Easter Day, 31 st March	10.00 - Sung Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt
	10.30 - Family Communion Service at Dagnall
Saturday 6 th April	10.30 - Coffee Morning
Sunday 7 th	8.00 - Holy Communion
	10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Hymns Today

157, 147, Sheet – In Christ Alone, 150, 160

Important Information

Please note our 10am Sunday service today will be 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

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

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)



Isaiah 25:6–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Acts 10:34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

John 20:1–18

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

Glory to you O Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the

other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

James 4 v10

Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.

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 Consultative Council and in our own diocese, retreat conductors and spiritual directors.

In our own community we pray today for all church members who live outside our parish boundaries.

We pray for the police and all who administer the law.

In the wider world, we pray for agriculture and fishing.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently. We pray for them and their families; and for all those grieving over the loss of loved ones at this time.

At their year's mind, we remember Mary Ellen Giblin, Lesly Greenslade, Marie Butler, Julie Hollick, Rosie Bennett, Gerald Vass and Joyce Stoten.

Notices

SICK LIST today is the first, of two Sundays when you can put names onto next month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the prayer board at the front of the North Chapel.

COFFEE MORNING This Saturday, 6th April is our monthly coffee morning in St Mary's Church. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea/drinking chocolate and a piece of homemade cake, a sausage roll, cheese scone while chatting to friends and catching up. Also bring a book, which you've read, along to the 'book swap' corner and take away one you haven't read! Looking forward to seeing you all at 10.30 - Marion.

FOODBANK *Foodbank - We are settling into our new warehouse premises in Dunstable and keeping busy with the supply of food parcels to our four Distribution Centres. If you are able to donate any food items next Sunday they will be very much appreciated. The items we are short of are: **tins of meat meals in sauce e.g. irish stew, meatballs etc, tins of fruit, tins of carrots and tins of potatoes.** Any new or used carrier bags that you can provide are very helpful to the Foodbank clients. Many thanks for your continued support. Iain and the Foodbank Team*

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP will meet in St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, at 10.30am **Tuesday, 9th April** where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE This years Easter Monday Pilgrimage will take place *tomorrow 1 April 2024* with the theme of All Things New. From 14.30 - 17.00. Hundreds of us will be journeying to the Cathedral from across the diocese and beyond for an Easter celebration. The informal service of Holy Communion will start at 3pm, but we'll start processing into the Cathedral from 2.30pm. The service will led by Bishop Jane. Dogs are welcome and most of us sit on the floor, although chairs are available if you'd prefer that. And don't forget to bring along a picnic to have in front of the Cathedral beforehand. Lots more information available at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/EMP>

**VACANCY - Safeguarding Administrator (0.6) -
The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org)**

The job is central to our Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will be supporting the very important safeguarding training programme.

- 21 hours a week (4-5 hours over 4-5 days)
- Flexibility to work part from home and part from Holywell Lodge, St Albans
- We are looking for strong Administrative and Communication skills and someone who is good at working as part of a team.

Deadline for applications is 12pm on 8th April 2024