

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

14TH APRIL 2024 – EASTER 3

Services This Week

Sunday 14 th April	10.00 - Parish Eucharist
Monday 15 th	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 17 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th	9.00 - Quinquennial Inspection 18.00 - Beavers
Sunday 21 st	8.00 - Holy Communion 10.00 - Café Church 10.30 - Holy Communion at Dagnall

Hymns Today

165, 563, 494, 287, 468

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

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 3:12–19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

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

1 John 3:1–7

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Luke 24:36–48

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

Glory to you O Lord

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see

that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

Zechariah 4:6

**Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit,
says the Lord Almighty**

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 the Indian Ocean and in our own diocese, churches in the Deanery of Wheathamstead.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Bower Close, Medley Close, Yew Tree Close, Bower Lane, and Harling Road.

We pray for our Good Neighbour Scheme.

In the wider world, we pray for the correct use of natural resources.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently; especially for Raymond Bryant (Christine Gray’s father), Richard Thorne (Gaye’s father) and Maureen Cecil. 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 Muriel Rogers, Ron Green, Charlotte Gaskins, Margaret Alexander, Olive Sutton, Kathleen Dean, Doug Worley, Bryan Griffiths, Jean Jaggs, Walter Smith and Nora Roberts.

Notices

THANKS to every one who helped with and/or supported in any way last Saturday’s coffee morning. Thanks to you all, it was another very successful occasion – Marion.

SPRING FAIR this will take place on *Saturday 27th April* in the Village Hall from 12 – 3pm. **Raffle Prizes** are needed for the this - Sheila and Chris Banks would be very grateful for any contributions. Thank you. **Home Made Cakes** are also needed for refreshments, please - I will be very pleased with donations of these – thanks in anticipation, Marion.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY the APCM will be held after the service on *Sunday May 12th*.

ELECTORAL ROLL Last year's Electoral Roll will shortly be revised in preparation for the APCM on *May 12th*. The roll from last year will soon be displayed on the notice board in church during Sunday services. Please advise Diane Goodwin (Electoral Roll Officer) of any amendments, if needed eg change of address. Or, if you are not on the roll and would like to be included, please request an application form.

THY KINGDOM COME 2024

St Marys will again take part in the global wave of prayer that began in 2016 when the Archbishops of Canterbury and York asked the Church of England to take part in this initiative. Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow in its outreach in churches of all denominations and throughout the world. Thy Kingdom Come takes place between Ascension Day and Pentecost which is May 9th -19th May 2024.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends to come to faith in Jesus Christ
- Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, that we would be effective in our witness.

We will let all know what's happening during that time in future notices and look forward to all who would like to join us, Diane and Chriss

CAFÉ CHURCH relaxed – welcoming – refreshments.

Starts next Sunday, 21st April

Come and join us for coffee, croissants
and an informal service for all ages in St Mary's Eaton Bray
on Sundays 21st April, 19th May, 16th June and 21st July at 10am

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)

