

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

5TH MAY 2024 – EASTER 6

Services This Week

Sunday 5 th May	8.00 - Holy Communion 10.00 - Parish Eucharist
Monday 6 th	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 8 th	10.00 - Holy Communion 19.30 - Carnival Committee Meeting
Thursday 9 th	18.00 - Beavers 19.30 - Ascension
Sunday 12 th	10.00 - Parish Eucharist followed by APCM

Hymns

442, 175, 453, 441, 525

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.

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

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 10:44–48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

1 John 5:1–6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

John 15:9–17

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love

one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

Galatians 5:22

**But the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance,
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 Episcopal Church in the Middle East and in our own diocese, the Right Reverend Dr. Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in the Rye, Wheatlands, Green Lane, Totternhoe Road and Honeywick Lane.

We pray for our Bishops, Alan (St Albans), Richard (Bedford) and Jane (Hertford)..

In the wider world, we pray for care for the environment.

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 Patricia Wilcock, Connie Richmond, Alan Westcott, Bill Paddock, William Hampson, R Woods, Theresa Hill and Ann Plater.

Notices

MAUREEN CECIL'S FUNERAL will take place in St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray on Tuesday 14th May at 11.00am.

THE APCM will be held after the service next *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 is being 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.

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

THY KINGDOM COME IS ALMOST HERE!

It commences Ascension Day 9th May with an evening service at Kensworth at 7.30pm. It will be a lovely celebration to begin the 11 days up to Pentecost. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, every Christian across the globe is encouraged to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part. Events happening at St Mary's in the 10 days following Ascension will include

- Village prayer walk – details and route will be available in the church
- Churchyard prayer walk – there will be a laminate copy in the church
- Morning and evening led reflections - short and informal for all to join in with. A rota with dates and times for this will be in church next week
- Prayer stations in church displaying art work on Visio Divina (Divine Seeing) to reflect on.
- Pocket Prayer Journals and Novena booklets to take away

Do come on any of the days and join others around the world praying for those we know to experience God's Love. We promise you will enjoy it!

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."
Archbishop Justin Welby.*