

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

26TH MAY 2024 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Services This Week

Sunday 26 th May	10.00 - Parish Eucharist
Monday 27 th	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 29 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
Thursday 30 th	18.00 - Beavers
Friday 31 st	13.00 - Joan Calder's funeral at Bierton Crematorium
Saturday 1 st June	10.30 - Coffee Morning
Sunday 2 nd	8.00 - Holy Communion 10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Hymns

202, 418, 377, 421, 267

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 and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Isaiah 6:1–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Romans 8:12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

John 3:1–17

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

Glory to you O Lord

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh,

and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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 Church of the Province of Melanesia and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Buntingford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Dagnall – Dunstable Road, Nelson Road and Hamilton Place.

We pray for the Church's pastoral ministry in the community.

In the wider world, we pray for our food banks and all who run them and those who access them.

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

Joan Calder's funeral will be held at Bierton Crematorium this Friday, 31st May at 1pm.

At their year's mind, we remember Brian Hill.

Notices

COFFEE MORNING This Saturday, 1st June, is Coffee And Cake Morning in St Mary's Church from 10.30am – 12.00pm! We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying a chat over coffee/tea, delicious cakes and 'savoury eats'. Bring a book you've read and swap it for another; borrow a jigsaw; perhaps win a raffle prize! But most of all, enjoy!

FOODBANK SUNDAY - Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month when we welcome your donations to Foodbank. The demand at Dunstable Foodbank remains high but our stock level is at its lowest as it always is at this time of year. Donations of **tins of solid meat, e.g. ham, spam and corned beef, sponge puddings, packets of instant mashed potato, packets of rice (1kg or less) and boxes of cereal bars** will be much appreciated. As always we are in need of new or used, clean, carrier bags in good condition. Many thanks for your continued support.

Iain and the Foodbank Team

CARNIVAL The 2024 St Mary's Village Carnival will be upon us before we know it and we are already thinking forward to 2025!

A number of Committee Members will be standing down after this year and it would be wonderful if there were people interested in taking over who might shadow them for this year and be able to take over. Specifically, we are likely to be lacking volunteers to run the grand draw, the procession, the tombola, the car parking and the barbeque; if you might be interested or know of anyone who might like to get involved, please speak to me or to Bob or Sharon Stilliard as to be honest without new volunteers we may struggle to repeat the past successes of the event.

Chris Banks [01525 221556]

THY KINGDOM COME Thankyou - to all who led or came to the services during Thy Kingdom Come. It was wonderful to pray knowing that the other denominations across the world were doing the same thing. We pray that all were blessed during Ascension to Pentecost and continue to pray that others will find a personal faith.

We pray **THY KINGDOM COME!** Diane and Chriss.

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

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