

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

14TH JULY 2024 – TRINITY 7

Services This Week

Sunday 14 th July	10.00 - Parish Eucharist
Monday 15 th	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 17 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th	18.00 - Beavers
Sunday 21 st	8.00 - Holy Communion
	10.00 - Café Church
	10.30 - Holy Communion at Dagnall
	12.00 - Parish Lunch in Village Hall

Hymns

494, 37, 137, 216, 496

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 power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

Amos 7:7–15

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Ephesians 1:3–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Mark 6:14–29

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

Glory to you O Lord

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

Phillipians 2:4

**Look not only to your own interests,
but also to the interests of others.**

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 General Synod of The Church of England and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Cheshunt.

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, 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 Gordon Fountain, Dorothy Parrott, Frank Sanders, Eva Cowper, Bill Crees, Basil Ruffett, Janet Creamer and John Cunningham.

Notices

OPEN GARDENS - Sunday 28th July. I am delighted to tell you that we have a remarkable 12 gardens for this year's event. Now we just need decent weather and plenty of help, specifically selling programmes from 3pm or helping with refreshments during the period 11.30 to 4pm. If you can help, even for a short spell, please let Gordon know.

YEAR'S MIND if you would like someone remembered and mentioned in our Prayer's Year's Mind List on the Sunday before their date, please enter their name on the appropriate page in the maroon coloured diary which is kept on the shelf of the hymn-book case on the south side of the church. Or, please speak to Marion.