

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

28TH JULY 2024 – TRINITY 9

Services This Week

Sunday 28 th	10.00 - Worship for Everyone – Non Eucharistic
	11.30 - Open Gardens
Monday 29 th	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 31 st	10.00 - Holy Communion
Saturday 3 rd August	10.30 - Coffee Morning
Sunday 4 th	8.00 - Holy Communion
	10.00 - Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Hymns

250 (omit v5 & v6), 467, 311, 175, 455

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

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**

2 Kings 4:42–44

A reading from the second book of Kings.

A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

John 6:1–21

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world. When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he

withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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 Church of Nigeria and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Hertford and Ware.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Dean's Meadow, Malting Lane, Huntsman's Close and Chestnut Close.

We pray for social services and home care organisations.

In the wider world we pray for the elderly.

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 June Thorne, Patricia Tatton, Terence Mead, Joan Hart, Harry Gilbert and Joy Gilbert.

Notices

OPEN GARDENS – Today 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 which I think we will have!

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, 3rd August is time for coffee and cake in St Mary's from 10.30am – 12Noon. Looking forward to seeing everyone eating, drinking (coffee/tea) and chatting! Book Swap and jigsaws will also be there! And a raffle prize or two!

HELP NEEDED I am looking for someone to help me (Marion) with the photocopying of the pew leaflet. This is normally done on a Friday morning but this could be changed to later in the day or even on Saturday. I would show you what to do about all the peculiarities of the photocopier and support you. It would not be every week; perhaps every other week. It takes about 1 hour. I feel it would be sensible to have two of us sharing this role. If you feel you could help in this way please give me a bell on 07989179137.

YEAR'S MIND if you would like someone remembered and mentioned in our Prayers' 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.