

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 – TRINITY 14

Services This Week

Sunday 1 st September	8.00 - No service
	10.00 - Worship for Everyone
Monday 2 nd	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 4 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
Saturday 7 th	10.30 - Coffee Morning
Sunday 8 th	10.00 - Parish Eucharist Patronal Festival

Hymns

368, 460, 331, 259, 87 (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

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, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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**

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

James 1:17–27

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and

persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

Glory to you O Lord

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

Thesalonians 5:14

**Encourage the timid, help the weak,
be patient with everyone.**

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 Province of Canterbury in England and in our own diocese, Venerable Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Northall – Leighton Road, The Sears, The Peppiatts and Knolls View.

We pray for Joy, Stephen, Gordon and Catherine.

In the wider world we pray for peace in the world and for all political leaders.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently. We pray for all those grieving over the loss of loved ones at this time.

At their year's mind, we remember Maisie Fountaine, Hilda Bnnett, Joan Winch, Gillian O'Dowd, Kelly Howard, Dorothy Baines and Michael Thorne.

Notices

SICK LIST Today is the second, of two Sundays when you can put names onto this month's sick list. The blank form to receive names can be found on the prayer board at the front of the north chapel.

COFFEE MORNING This Saturday, *7th September* is Coffee & Cake Time in St Mary's from 10.30-midday. I look forward to seeing you all chatting while eating delicious home made eats and drinking coffee/tea! Bring a book you've read and swap it for one you haven't; browse the jigsaws and borrow one for £1; win a raffle prize; and sit back, relax and chat!

“BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE & HIKE SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER.

Would you like to participate in this annual event? You can visit churches and raise sponsorship money for the Trust and for our church. Any means of transport is acceptable – see Catherine for a sponsorship pack. If not your thing, please do sponsor Chris Lane who has already volunteered to take part. Last year he raised over £500 of which our church received half. ``

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support will be on Friday **27th September** from 10.00 a.m. until midday.

This is one of the now frequent occasions when we bring more of the community into St Mary's and as ever it is good to have friendly faces providing a welcome.

There will be a cake stall, book swap, raffle etc.

Offers of help, raffle prizes, savouries and cakes would be very welcome.

Please contact Sheila Banks 221556, 07813 077141
or sheilabanks1@aol.com

ST MARY'S BOOK CLUB - Stephen would like to apologise for not having another meeting since the first one, but he is keen to get this going again. We will set a date for the next Book Club meeting soon (around September), but we will be reading William Golding's *The Spire*. So those interested, can have a gentle read over the summer! Marion would like to apologise, also, for omitting this notice from the pew leaflet several weeks ago!

The North Chilterns Group of Parishes

**Saturday 7th September - 9.30am,
closing with a Eucharist at noon**

Quiet Morning at St. Mary Magdalene Whipsnade,
led by Penny Fray and Nicola Lenthall

Sunday 29th September - 10am

NCG Annual Service at St. Giles' Totternhoe

(no other service in the NCG that day

– all welcome to Totternhoe!)