

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 – TRINITY 16; CAFÉ CHURCH

Services This Week

Saturday 14 th September	All day	Bike and Hike
Sunday 15 th	8.00	- Holy Communion
	10.00	- Café Church
	10.30	- Holy Communion at Dagnall
	12.00	- Parish Lunch in Village Hall
Monday 16 th	19.30	- Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 18 th	10.00	- Holy Communion
	19.30	- PCC Meeting
Thursday 19 th	18.00	- Beavers
Sunday 22 nd	10.00	- Parish Eucharist

Hymns

242, 244

Important Information

Please note our 10am Sunday service today will NOT 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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Luke 1:39-56

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

Glory to you O Lord

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

For Our Prayers:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Ampthill.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in the Chequers, Moor End, Orchard Way and Moor End Lane.

We pray for house groups, study groups and growth in faith.

In the wider world we pray for children in need and at risk.

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 Edwin French, Douglas Bone, Phyllis Tearle and Tom Thorne

A verse for us to reflect on:

Matthew 11:28

***Come to me all who are weary and burdened
and I will give you rest.***

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel
of the Church.

Notices

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 will set a date for the next Book Club meeting. We will be reading William Golding's *The Spire*.

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM

NCG Annual Service at St. Giles' Totternhoe (no other service in the NCG that day – all welcome to Totternhoe!)

THANK YOU!

My thanks to everyone who helped / supported last Saturday's Coffee Morning in any way. It is great to see and hear everyone being together eating and chatting! See you all on Saturday October 5th!

VACANCIES

The Diocese is advertising for two part-time administrators to work with the Education Team at Holywell Lodge. Further details at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

HARVEST APPEAL

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans' Harvest appeal for this year is to support The Leprosy Mission with their important project in Sri Lanka. The appeal will provide families affected by Leprosy with the means to support themselves. Funds raised will be used to purchase coconut trees, plants, seeds, and tools for home gardens, as well as to support the community meals that offer both sustenance and encouragement.