

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY**

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**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

**27TH OCTOBER 2024 – BIBLE SUNDAY**

**Services**

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 - Parish Eucharist
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 - Burial of Ashes
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 - Holy Communion
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	18.00 - Beavers
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	10.30 - Prayer Matters at the home of Diane Goodwin
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 - Coffee Morning and Beavers Churchyard Help Book Swap
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 - Holy Communion 10.30 - Parish Eucharist 15.00 - Book Club 19.30 - Poppy Prom Rehearsal

**Hymns**

619, 321, 626, 177, 612

**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**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Isaiah 55:1–11**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

### **2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching,

for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

**John 5:36–47**

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

**Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said to the Jews: ‘I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

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

*A verse for us to reflect on:*

*1 Corinthians 12 v5*

*There are different kinds of service,  
but the same Lord.*

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

## **For Our Prayers**

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

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Main Road North, Main Road South, Studham Lane and Ringshall Road.

We pray for the Focus Magazine and all engaged in publicity for the church.

In the wider world we pray for the unemployed and homeless people.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently. We pray for their family and friends at this time and to all others who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Val Trantum, Katherine Sharpe, Paul Smith, Alan Cox, Rosemary Neale, Terry Packer, Len Andrews and Eric Stoten.

## **Notices**

### ***SICK LIST***

Today is the first of two Sundays when names can be added to next month's sick list. The blank list to receive names can be found on the prayer board at the front of the North Chapel.

### ***PRAYER MATTERS***

This group, which is open to all who would like join us in prayer, will be meeting Friday **1<sup>st</sup> November** at 10.30am at the home of Diane Goodwin.

### ***COFFEE MORNING***

Next Saturday, **2<sup>nd</sup> November** is time for eats and Coffee in St Mary's from 10.30 to 12Noon. We are delighted that the Beavers are coming to help in the Churchyard. As well as the usual lovely scones, sausage rolls and large cakes Marion and team would be pleased if some small cakes could be made, please. The Book Swap will be there too! – Bring a book in that you've read and take one home you haven't! Looking forward to seeing you all! Marion

### ***BOOK CLUB***

The Book Club will meet, in St Mary's Church on Sunday, **3<sup>rd</sup> November** at 3.00pm.

**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)**



## **NOTICES CONTINUED:**

### **FOODBANK SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, **3<sup>rd</sup> November**, we will be collecting items for the foodbank. Thank you for all your donations over the past few months. As we now head into the last two months of the year we would be very grateful for the following food items to address the shortages in the warehouse. Items we require are:

**Cartons of long life fruit juice, Tins of meat in sauce e.g. meatballs, chicken in sauce, Tinned soup, Sponge puddings, Tinned rice pudding and Tinned custard.**

If you are considering buying any Christmas items to donate in November/December we ask that you buy alcohol free goods. Thank you for your continued support of Dunstable Foodbank; Iain and the Foodbank Team

### ***MUSIC@ST MARY'S: POPPY PROM CONCERT***

#### **2PM SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER AT ST MARY'S EATON BRAY**

Hello concert goer. Because of the hiatus caused by Covid we have only staged one concert since January 2020. Before that time Music@St Mary's had a strong reputation for good quality concerts performed by talented musicians. It is felt that the time is right to consider creating a programme of concerts once again that will appeal to our audiences.

As a test to discover whether there is still local interest in attending live music we have invited two of our stalwart groups of performers to entertain us with popular music from their repertoire: **SOUTH BEDS CONCERT BAND & DAGNALL COMMUNITY CHOIR**. We do hope you will want to support this event which has a **2pm start** to enable audience members to get home in the daylight whilst **tickets are priced at just £10**. Ring Sharon for **tickets on 01525 222283**.

**We look forward to seeing you**

### **SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Times of services 10<sup>th</sup> November will be

- 9.30am** Parish Eucharist
- 10.45am Act of Remembrance Service at St Mary's Eaton Bray
- 10.45am Act of Remembrance Service at Dagnall
- 4.00pm Memorial Service at St Mary's EB

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**12.00 – 3.00pm In Eaton Bray Village Hall**

Admission 50p adult, children free

With lots of stalls to browse.

Delicious bacon butties and other refreshments

For more information or to book a stall, please ring 01525852368

### ***PARISH DIRECTORY***

We are starting the process of revising our parish directory and next Sunday we will be asking everyone to complete a form with their updated contact details. The directory is for the use of church members only and not made available more widely.