

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY
with
EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

1ST DECEMBER 2024 – ADVENT SUNDAY

Services

Sunday 1 st December	8.00 - Holy Communion
	10.00 - Parish Eucharist
	16.00 - NCG Advent Service at St Mary's
Monday 2 nd	19.30 - Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 4 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
	13.30 - Eaton Bray Academy, Yr 1
Thursday 5 th	9.30 - Eaton Bray Academy, Yr 5
Saturday 7 th	10.30 - Coffee Morning
	10.30 - Book Swap
Sunday 8 th	10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Hymns

29, 24, 26, 287, 31

Important Information

Please note our 10.00 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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Jeremiah 33:14–16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Luke 21:25–36

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is

drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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 Uganda and in our own diocese, churches in the Deanery of Elstow.

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 their families and friends at this time and to all others who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Nora Stable, Phyllis Vera Brewer, Peter Bradbury, David Dunnnett, Peter John Hunt, Gerry Wells, Olga Shaw, Peter Bodsworth and Mary Homan.

A verse for us to reflect on:

***I will lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone O Lord, make me dwell in safety.***

Psalm 4:8

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

NOTICES

SICK LIST

Today is the second of two Sundays when names can be added to this month's sick list. The empty list to receive names can be found on the prayer board at the front of the Niorth Chapel.

COFFEE MORNING

Next Saturday, 7th December is 'Coffee and Cake' time at St Mary's at 10.30am – 12.00pm. There will of course be tea and delicious savoury things to eat too! Start the weekend off with a good natter and catchup! The book swap will be there too; as well as a raffle; jigsaws and some bric-a-brac! Looking forward to seeing you – Marion.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Our Christmas card display board will soon be ready in the book swap corner. By using it we can help reduce paper consumption and support St Mary's in our quest to become an eco-church. Please consider this initiative - by pinning up just one card instead of distributing many, we can wish all our friends at St Mary's a very Happy Christmas and help show our church to be friendly and eco-conscious."

POSADA - 'MARY & JOSEPH'

With your help, 'Mary and Joseph' are travelling around the local area during Advent. If you would like to be their host for a night, please sign the form at the back of the church.



COFFEE MORNING AT DAGNALL CHURCH

Saturday, 14th December 10.00am – 12.00pm.

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)

