

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

23RD MARCH 2025; Lent 3

Services this week

Sunday 23 rd	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	13.00	Rehearsal
	15.00	Concert
Monday 24 th	13.30	Organ Tuning
	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 25 th	19.30	NCG Lent course at EB Methodist Hall
Wednesday 26 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th	13.30	Eaton Bray Academy
	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 30 th	10.00	Mothering Sunday Messy Church Communion Service and giving of flowers

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.

Hymns Today

368, 321, 386, 296

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 most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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**

Isaiah 55:1–9

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.

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

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to

eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Luke 13:1–9

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

Glory to you O Lord

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

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

A verse for us to reflect on: Hebrews 3:13

Encourage one another daily

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 Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Watford

In our own community we pray today for all who live in St Mary's Glebe, Church Gate, Tythe Mews and Church Croft.

We pray for our Village Schools.

In the wider world we pray for the terminally ill and those close to death and their families.

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 Len Surry, Neville Shaw, Tina Poole and Harold Millins.

NOTICES

JOAN FOSSEY

Joan's funeral will be held at Priory Church, Dunstable on Friday, 11th April at 1pm.

NCG LENT COURSE

This year's Lent course continues this Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm, with refreshments, at The Methodist Hall, Eaton Bray. Parking in adjacent roads. This session will explore 'What about Allegory?'

CARNIVAL 5TH JULY 2025 – GAZEBO APPEAL!

After the torrential rain last July, the Carnival Committee has been taking stock of the equipment we use and find that we are desperately short of gazebos to protect stalls (and stallholders) from the rain or even from the sun. Should you have one lying unused in your garage or shed, we would be very happy to take it off your hands and put it to good use. If you can help, please contact Chris Banks on 07970 712447.

RENEWAL OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Emails with the necessary form attached, for you to fill in, have been sent where possible. There are forms available, also, at the back of the church. Please return to Diane Goodwin A.S.A P.

CHARITY CONCERT

Aylesbury Concert Band presents a Charity Concert in support of Scannappeal in St Mary's Church this afternoon at 3pm. Tickets priced at £10 for adults and £7 for those under 18 are available on the door from 2.30pm. Proceeds will be split between Aylesbury Concert Band & Scannappeal.

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Dates for your diary - Easter Services

CHURCH OF ENGLAND (Anglican Communion)

Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Eaton Bray with Edlesborough
(High Street, Eaton Bray)

30 March	Mothering Sunday	10.00	Messy Church Communion Service and giving of flowers
13 April	Palm Sunday	10.00	Blessing of Palms & Sung Eucharist (meet by Eaton Bray village hall)
14 April	Monday in Holy Week	19.30	NCG Eucharist, St Mary's, Kensworth
15 April	Tuesday in Holy Week	19.30	NCG Eucharist, Stanbridge
16 April	Weds in Holy Week	19.30	Tenebrae Service, St Mary's, Eaton Bray
17 April	Maundy Thursday	20.00	Holy Communion followed by the Watch of the Passion
18 April	Good Friday	11.00-13.00	Messy Church, Eaton Bray, Village Hall
		14.00	"An Hour at The Cross" (Devotional Service)
20 April	Easter Day	8.00	Holy Communion
		10.00	Sung Eucharist & Easter egg hunt

ALL SAINTS', DAGNALL

18 April	Good Friday	15.00	'The way of the cross' service of reflection, All Saints' Dagnall
20 April	Easter Day	10.30	Family Communion All Saints', Dagnall
