

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY**

**with**

**EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL**



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## **WELCOME TO ST MARY'S**

**15TH FEBRUARY 2026; Next Before Lent; Café Church**

### **Services this week**

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at All Saints, Dagnall
	12.00	Parish Lunch in Village Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	Pancakes and Prayers at Salvation Army, Booth Place
Ash Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at EB
	19.30	Ash Wednesday evening service at Kensworth
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Pastoral Meeting
	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	Parish Eucharist

### **Hymn No. / Song**

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### **Important Information**

***Please note our 10.00 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.

### Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### 1 Corinthians 13

#### **The Gift of Love**

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

### John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made

known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Roman Catholic Church and in our own diocese, The Venerable Charles Hudson, Archdeacon of St Albans.

In our own community we pray today for those 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 who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Howard Bishop, Margaret Sunderland, Marjorie Cartwright, Alan Stock, Gladys Smith and Stephen Rhodes.

*A verse for us to reflect on: **Romans 8:6***

**The mind controlled by the spirit is life and peace.**

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

## NOTICES **COFFEE AND CAKE!**

Thanks to everyone who helped or supported last Saturday's Coffee and Cake morning. In spite of the weather, 91 people came! The church was buzzing – loads of laughter, chatting and eating – making the event another successfull, social morning. We will do it again on 7th March, when hopefully there will be less rain! Thanks again, Marion and team.

## PANCAKES AND PRAYER

This Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday – 17th February there will be Pancakes and Prayers at The Salvation Army Hall, Booth Place, starting at 6.30pm.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**NCG LENT COURSE 2026    *The Adventure of Prayer!***

Join the NCG at Totternhoe Church Hall, LU6 1RH on Tuesday evenings:

February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup> to investigate 'The Adventure of Prayer'.

All sessions start with refreshments at 7.30pm, concluding with a short act of worship and ending at 9.00pm.

- February 24th The prayer Jesus taught us
  - March 3rd Praying with spiritual gifts
  - March 10th Praying with icons
  - March 17th Praying with the Iona Community
  - March 24th Help! I'm too busy to pray!

Please take this leaflet home with you, for reference

**Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)**

***Please note: Joy's day off is Friday - Please do not contact her on this day.***

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