

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

18TH OCTOBER 2026; TRINITY 20; Café Church

Today, we are pleased to welcome Canon Grant Fellows as our Preacher and Celebrant at our 10.30am service at Dagnall.

Services this week

Sunday 18 th October	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at Dagnall with Canon Grant Fellows
	12.00	Parish Lunch in Village Hall
Monday 19 th	18.30	Rehearsal Poppy Prom
	19.30	Ringling Practice
	13.45	School Visit
Wednesday 21 st	10.00	Morning Prayer
Thursday 22 nd	9.45	School Visit
Sunday 25 th	10.00	Parish Eucharist with Canon Malcolm Grant

Important Information

**Please note our 10.00 Sunday service EB today,
WILL NOT BE STREAMED**

Songs today

581,591

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.**

Matthew 22:15–22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

A verse for us to reflect on: Isaiah:2 v5

Let us walk in the light of the LORD

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

FOR OUR PRAYERS

God our Creator, you have made us in your image and called us to belong to you. We bring before you the life of your Church and your world.

Faithful God keep your Church true to Jesus Christ. Where we are tempted to shape him according to our own opinions, teach us instead to allow him to shape us. Help us to see that things which seem completely impossible become possible, if they are approached with faith. Help Christians from different traditions, backgrounds and convictions to recognise your image in one another and make faithful witnesses to your kingdom. In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Church in the Province of South East Asia, and in our own diocese, the Vision for Action Initiative- Stewardship. We pray for the person to be our new Vicar and for the appointing team.

We bear your image; teach us to live as those who belong to you.

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful, when lack of faith and spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us

for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for the farmers of the world many of whom still use those methods described by Jesus and we especially pray that they maybe treated with fairness for their labour. We pray for the Countries of the Commonwealth.

We bear your image; teach us to live as those who belong to you.

Father God, we pray for our loved ones; for those who lift our hearts and those who turn our hair grey. We pray for those we instinctively warm to and those with whom there are frequent misunderstandings. We thank God for our opportunities of forgiveness. In our own community we pray for those who live and work in BrookStreet, The Green, Taskers Row and Dove House Close. Teach us to recognise your image in our neighbours: in those like us and those unlike us. We pray for those who attend and those who organise our Parish lunches.

We bear your image; teach us to live as those who belong to you.

Living God, we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved. For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy, for the sick, lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed.

We bear your image; teach us to live as those who belong to you.

Everlasting God, we pray for those approaching death, that through our prayers they may know themselves accompanied with love on that journey. We pray for those who have died, especially for Anne Crofts who died peacefully earlier this week at her care home in Cornwall; that they may come to know the full joy of Heaven.

At their year's mind we remember Brian Wyke, Maureen Rollings, Ruth Barnett, Iris Underwood, Leonard Buss, Percy Moore, Edna Gray, Tresham Green, John Saving, Ted Betts, Eileen Ellis and Henry Ellis.

We bear your image; teach us to live as those who belong to you.

God our Creator, all that we are comes from you. Take our work and our rest, our resources and possessions, our relationships and responsibilities, our lives public and private. Teach us to give to you what all that is yours, the whole of ourselves.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALLED TO PRAY

At our vacancy meeting in June with the Bishop and Archdeacon, we were invited to “pray, pray, pray” for the person who will become our new Vicar and for those on the appointing team. The Archdeacon said he believes God already knows who our vicar will be and so do we! All our prayers however play an important part in this. The Prayer Matters group have committed to pray for this as indeed we do for all our church family, activities and growth. Our regular meetings are on the last Friday of the month in church at 10.30. This is open to all the congregation to discuss and pray about the ministry we feel God is calling us to at St Mary’s. We have also started to meet at 9.30 before the Sunday morning service to pray for all who will lead and be involved in the service and attend that day. Again, all are welcome to join, even if you wish to just sit and pray silently. In the Bible, St Paul encourages his readers to “*never stop praying*” and “*in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God*” 1Thessalonians 5:17 and Philippians 4:6) so let’s do just that and “pray, pray, pray”! The Prayer Matters Group

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MUSIC @ St MARY’S – POPPY PROM

Saturday 31st October at 2.00pm

Tickets priced at £10 each are available from 01525 222283



ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 1st November, 3.00pm, at St Mary's, Eaton Bray.

Please add to the list on the bookcase,
the names of those you wish to be remembered at this service



HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY'S, EATON BRAY

Sunday, 8th November, 9.30am, (note early start)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT EATON BRAY WAR MEMORIAL

Sunday, 8th November, 10.50am



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