

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY
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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

23RD NOVEMBER 2025; Christ the King

Services this week

Sunday 23 rd	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 24 th	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 25 th	10.30	Pathlight at Diane's
Wednesday 26 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 30 th	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	16.00	NCG Advent Service at St Giles', Totternhoe

Hymns Today

490, Sheet, King of kings, majesty, 398, 494, 380

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

Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the LORD. “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

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

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

Luke 23:33-43

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

Glory to you O Lord

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

A verse for us to reflect on: John 16:33

Take heart I have overcome the world

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 Quakers and in our own diocese, the Venerable Dave Middlebrook, the Archdeacon of Bedford.

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

At their year's mind, we remember Mary Thorne, Edna Quinn, Edith Banks, Bill Hobbs, Lily Dowdy, Bryan Ryder, Jennifer Ray, Vera Wood and Vicki Klein.

NOTICES

PATHLIGHT

Our next Pathlight group will meet 25th Nov at 10.30 at the home of Diane Goodwin. This will be our last one for 2025. The group aims to take an informal look at reading and connecting with God's word for us in the Bible. Everyone welcome and no commitment to come every time!
Chriss H and Diane G

NCG ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday, 30th November at 4.00pm at St Giles', Totternhoe.

REVAMPED WEBSITE NEWS

St Mary's now has a refreshed website at
<https://www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk>

Please have a look - it's a work in progress.

Elizabeth Axford is the contact for news, reviews, events, and publicity at elizabethaxford@yahoo.co.uk - please send her lots of lovely information!

MUSIC @ ST MARY'S – FESTIVAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7th December, starting at 2.00pm, an afternoon of festive music provided by South Beds Concert Band and Stephen Axford.
Tickets are £10.00 each and available from 01525 222283

ADVANCE NOTICE – NEW YEAR CONCERT MUSIC @ ST MARY'S JAZZ-TOWN

Saturday 10th January 2026

Jazz-Town is a multi instrumental combo from Dunstable including many of the same players who from BEATI who entertained us in September

Tickets available from 01525 222283

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)

