

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

with

## EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

**18TH JANUARY 2026; Café Church; Epiphany 2;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

### Services this week

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| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January | 8.00  | Holy Communion  |
|                                 | 10.00 | Café Church   |
|                                 | 10.30 | Holy Communion at<br>All Saints', Dagnall   |
|                                 | 12.00 | Parish Lunch in Village Hall  |
|                                 | 15.00 | Service for Week of Prayer for<br>Christian Unity at<br>Edlesborough Methodist<br>Church led by<br>Rev Tim Haines |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>         | 19.30 | Bell Ringing Practice   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>        | 13.45 | Eaton Bray Academy  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>      | 10.00 | Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>       | 18.00 | Beavers   |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>         | 10.00 | Parish Eucharist  |

### Hymns Today

477, 393, Sheet – Let us build a house

### 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 God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

### Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

*A verse for us to reflect on: Ephesians 6:10*

**Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power**

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 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and in our own diocese, Churches Together.

In our own community we pray today for those who live in Brook Street, The Green, Taskers Row and Dove House Close.

We pray for those who attend and those who organise our Parish Lunches.

In the wider world we pray for the countries of the Commonwealth.

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 Gwen Giltrow, Daniel Turner, Stanley Gurney, Peggy Bearton, Allan Schofield, Debra Woodgate, Leonard Archer, Mark Fry, Julian Wyke, Tommy Tearle, Ron Gray and Violet Dicker.

## ***PRAYER FOR OUR NEXT BISHOP OF ST ALBANS***

The interviews for the next Bishop of St Albans will be held on 20-21 January. We invite you to join us in praying for those being interviewed and those involved in the process, for discernment, clarity and for God's guidance in all.

*Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans.*

*As we continue this journey of discernment for our new bishop, bless all involved with wisdom and grace.*

*Be with those being interviewed for this ministry, with those making decisions, and with all who lead and serve us at this time.*

*In this shared discernment, and always, draw us deeper into your love, that we may live it with joy and courage for your world.*

*In the name, and for the sake, of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

## **NOTICES**

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is this coming week: 18.1.2026 – 25.1.2026.

**TODAY**, there is a service at Edlesborough Methodist Church at **3.00PM** led by Rev Tim Haines. Everyone is welcome!

### ***PRA YER AND PANCAKES!***

Shrove Tuesday, 17th February  
at The Salvation Army, Eaton Bray, at 6.30pm.

### ***KEEP THE DATES!*** ***NCG LENT COURSE 2026 –*** ***The Adventure of Prayer***

Join the North Chilterns Group on Tuesday evenings this Lent as we discover prayer is not a duty but an adventure!

February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

All sessions start with refreshments at 7.30pm,  
concluding with a short act of worship, ending by 9pm.  
Totternhoe Church Hall, The Ride, Totternhoe, LU6 1RH

**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)**

