

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

3RD MAY 2026

Services this week

Sunday 3 rd May	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 4 th	19.30	Ringling Practice
Wednesday 6 th	10.00	Morning Prayer
Thursday 7 th	13.00	School Visit
	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 10 th	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Hymns Today

170, Majesty (sheet), 278, Abba Father (sheet), 555

Important Information

Please note our 10.00 Sunday service EB today, **will be streamed.**

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Acts 7:55–60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens

opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

John 14:1-14

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How

can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

A verse for us to reflect on: Luke 20 v17

*The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone*

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 Episcopal Church in the Middle East and in our own diocese, Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Chltern View Travellers' Caravan Site,

We pray for the congregation and Church Council of All Saints', Dagnall. In the wider world we pray for welfare and social services.

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 Edna Kingham, Parricia Wilcock, Connie Richmond, Alan Westcott, Bill Paddock, William Hanson and R. Woods.

NOTICES

A big thank you to all who helped in any way with Joy's last service and retirement party last Sunday. It was a very happy celebration of her nine-year ministry with us, and we send her and Dave our very best wishes for the future.

APCM

This year's APCM is on 10th May, please put the date in your diary.

SICK LIST

Today is the second, of two, when names can be added to the sick list. The blank list to receive names can be found on the payer board at the front of the North Chapel.

BOOKS FOR YOU TO BORROW

The Prayer Matters group has now added a few more brand new books to the selection of Christian books on the shelf near the coffee area, for you to borrow. The books cover a range of topics from biography (such as John Bunyan and Billy Graham); stories of mission; personal testimony; plus encouragement through subjects like grief or prayer.

Please feel free to read and enjoy these books. And if you really enjoyed one of them and wish to keep it or pass it on to a friend who might enjoy it then please do.

We will aim to rotate some of the titles as and when and if the Library proves popular we will hopefully try and obtain some more.

Happy reading!

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