

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

24TH MAY 2026; PENTECOST

Services this week

Sunday 24 th Pentecost	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	12.00	Baptism
Monday 25 th	19.30	Ringling Practice
Tuesday 26 th	10.30	Pathlight Group meets at home of Diane Goodwin
Wednesday 27 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 28 th	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 31 st	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Important Information

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

Hymns today

179, 175, 198, 191, The Spirit lives (sheet)

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Numbers 11:24–30

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not

do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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

Acts 2:1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those

days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

John 7:37-39

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

Glory to you O Lord

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Church of the Province of Melanesia and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Buntingford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Moat Reach, Barn View, Chiltern Avenue, Leighton Road and Church End.

We pray for Middle, Upper and Secondary Schools our children attend.

In the wider world we pray for Industry, Business and Commerce.

We welcome into the fellowship of Christ's Church, Jonty, son of Amy and Gerald, whose baptism we celebrate today.

We pray for the sick and those who have died recently, especially Gladys Ruffett. Gladys who was 100 years old died peacefully; she and her husband Basil used to live in the village. We pray for all who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Louisa Rowland, Russ Sullivan and Brian Hill.

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

NOTICES

PATHLIGHT GROUP

The next Pathlight group will meet 10.30 26th May at the home of Diane Goodwin. This monthly informal bible study group aims to discover more about how God speaks to us through his word; exploring familiar stories, subjects or characters of the Bible. Everyone welcome and no commitment to come every time! If you'd like to come along do speak to Chriss H or Diane G for the address or check in the new Parish Directory.

VACANCY MEETING

On Tuesday 2nd June at 7.30pm, a meeting will be held in church with Bishop Richard to discuss the future needs and wishes of our parish. This will be the first step in our search for a new vicar. The meeting is open to everyone, so if you would like to join in the discussion, do come along.

A sheet has been prepared to help you gather your thoughts about our church - where we are now, where we want to go and what qualities we are looking for in a new vicar to take us there. Copies will be made available in church.

CARNIVAL GRAND DRAW

With the date fast approaching, Grand Draw tickets will be available from today onwards - and this year's prizes are even better than ever!

Simply take as many books of tickets as you hope to be able to sell, then return cash and counterfoils to me on a Sunday morning.

ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 14th June 2026

11.30am – 5.00pm

Register at St Mary's Church , Eaton Bray
and collect your roaming map & ticket for £5.00

Discover stunning private gardens across Eaton Bray, Edlesborough and Northall. Explore at your own pace throughout the day.

Refreshments available at various locations.

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

