

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

25TH JANUARY 2026; Conversion of St Paul

Services this week

Sunday 25 th January	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 26 th	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 27 th	9.30	Eaton Bray Academy
Wednesday 28 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 29 th	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 1 st February	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Hymns Today

558, 432, 301, 387, 444

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

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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.**

Jeremiah 1:4–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

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

Acts 9:1–22

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and

kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

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

Matthew 19:27–30

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

Glory to you O Lord

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

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 Anglican Church in Australia and in our own diocese, churches in the Deanery of Aldenham.

In our own community we pray today for those who live in Ivinghoe Way, Pine Road, Dagnall Road, Tring Road, Icknield Way and Wellhead.

We pray for our doctors, nurses, hospitals and hospices.

In the wider world we pray for addicts, and all who seek to help them.

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 Arthur Mockett, Yvonne Brown, Doreen Calder, Ian Sallows, Philip Gadd, Ted Bowers, Avril Bone, Helen Grant, James Howard and Kathleen Pitkin.

NOTICES

SICK LIST

Today is the first, of two Sundays when names can be added to next month's sick list. The blank list to receive names is on the prayer board at the front of the North Chapel.

FOOD BANK

Next Sunday is foodbank Sunday when we collect items for the foodbank; so please remember to buy something from the foodbank shopping list and bring it to church next Sunday. Items on the list this week are tinned fruit, solid tinned meat, meat in sauce, tinned veg – including potatoes, savoury treats or snacks, long life fruit juice (cartons). Please – no rice or pasta. Thank you for your continued support – the foodbank team.

NCG NEWS

Revd Kaushal David will be on Extended Study Leave from 1 February for 3 months. During that time, St Mary's ministry team will be covering a number of Sunday services. Please pray for Kaushal as he takes this opportunity for study and refreshment.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - PRAYER AND PANCAKES!

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

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)

