

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

25TH OCTOBER 2026; LAST AFTER TRINITY

Today, we are pleased to welcome Canon Malcolm Grant as our
Preacher and Celebrant

Services this week

Sunday 25 th October	10.00	Parish Eucharist with Canon Malcolm Grant
	18.30	Rehearsal for Poppy Prom
Monday 26 th	19.15	Choir Rehearsal for Poppy Prom
	19.30	Ringling Practice
Tuesday 27 th	10.30	Pathlight Group at home of Diane Goodwin
Wednesday 28 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Friday 30 th	14.00	Burial of Ashes. Ruffett.
Saturday 31 st	14.00	Poppy Prom
Sunday 1 st November	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Family Eucharist
	15.00	Memorial Service

Important Information

Please note our 10.00 Sunday service today, WILL BE STREAMED

Hymns Today

426, 448, 621, 323, 474

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden
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Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1 Kings 8:22–30

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

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

Hebrews 12:18–24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word

be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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

Matthew 21:12–16

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

Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

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 the Sudan and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Bedford.

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.

We pray for the person to be our new Vicar and for the appointing team.

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. We pray for all who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Freda Stearn, Basil King, Bruce Rogers, Val Trantum, Katherine Sharpe, Paul Smith and Alan Cox.

A verse for us to reflect on: Isaiah:2 v5

Let us walk in the light of the LORD

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

CALLED TO PRAY

At our vacancy meeting in June with the Bishop and Archdeacon, we were invited to “pray, pray, pray” for the person who will become our new Vicar and for those on the appointing team. The Archdeacon said he believes God already knows who our vicar will be and so do we! All our prayers however play an important part in this. The Prayer Matters group have committed to pray for this as indeed we do for all our church family, activities and growth. Our regular meetings are on the last Friday of the month in church at 10.30. This is open to all the congregation to discuss and pray about the ministry we feel God is calling us to at St Mary’s. We have also started to meet at 9.30 before the Sunday morning service to pray for all who will lead and be involved in the service and attend that day. Again, all are welcome to join, even if you wish to just sit and pray silently. In the Bible, St Paul encourages his readers to *“never stop praying”* and *“in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”* (1Thessalonians 5:17 and Philippians 4:6) so let’s do just that and “pray, pray, pray”! The Prayer Matters Group

NOTICES

MUSIC @ St MARY’S – POPPY PROM

This Saturday, 31st October at 2.00pm

Tickets priced at £10 each are available from 01525 222283

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Next Sunday 1st November, 3.00pm, at St Mary’s, Eaton Bray.

Please add to the list on the bookcase,
the names of those you wish to be remembered at this service

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY'S, EATON BRAY
Sunday, 8th November, 9.30am, (note early start)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT EATON BRAY WAR MEMORIAL
Sunday, 8th November, 10.50am

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Fair - 14 November 2026. Only 3 weeks to go till our Christmas Fair so we are looking for donations of chocolate, raffle prizes, nearly new items and toys, jigsaws, and cakes for the refreshments. If you can provide any of these, please do leave them in church (except for cakes - let us know you will bring them on the day). Also, if you can please spare a couple of hours on the day to help set up or run a stall, please let Barbara know ASAP (07400 612853). Also please help us publicise the event by sharing our Facebook page and telling all your friends! Thank you very much in advance for your support!

PATHLIGHT GROUP

The next Pathlight group will meet Tuesday 10.30, 27th October 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.

EATON BRAY VILLAGE HALL

Eaton Bray Village Hall will be closed from Saturday October 24th thru Sunday November 1st to facilitate new flooring being installed. This will not affect parking in the hall car park.