

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

with

EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

10TH MAY 2026; EASTER 6

Services this week

Sunday 10 th May	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	11.15	APCM
Monday 11 th	19.30	Ringling Practice
Tuesday 12 th	10.30	Prayer and Praise
Wednesday 13 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 14 th	14.30	Pastoral Meeting
	18.00	Beavers
	20.00	PCC
Saturday 16 th	19.00	Gospel Choir Concert in aid of Christian Aid at All Saints' Leighton Buzzard
Sunday 17 th	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at All Saints' Dagnall
	12.00	Parish Lunch in Village Hall

Hymns Today

585, 612, 538, 385, 162

Important Information

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

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)



Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

Acts 17:22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

1 Peter 3:13–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness

and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

John 14:15–21

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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 Anglican Church of Kenya and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Barnet.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in The Nurseries, Coral Close, Northcliffe, Saffron Rise and Wivelsfield.

We pray for Churches together in Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Dagnall and Northall.

In the wider world we pray for the poor and the hungry throughout the world and the relief organisations.

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 Theresa Hill, Ann Plater, Bill Roberts and Bill Johnstone.

NOTICES

A HUGE THANK YOU

to everyone who helped in any way from setting up the church; shopping for ingredients/raffle prizes; selling raffle tickets; baking and donating a large variety of goodies to eat; making mugs of tea/coffee; washing up those mugs and plates; cutting and serving the many delicious cakes/savouries; clearing the tables of crockery; putting the church's furniture back ship shape!; washing the tea towels/cloths; coming and helping to create a happy and relaxed atmosphere. It was a wonderful morning which we will repeat on Saturday June 6th – Marion.

APCM

This year's APCM is today at 11.15!

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

Meets this Tuesday, 12th May at 10.30 in Church where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Saturday 16th May at 7pm a Gospel Choir** will be performing in All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, raising the profile of and money for Christian Aid. Free entry! All donations to Christian Aid.