

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

7TH JUNE 2026; TRINITY 1

Services this week

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| Sunday 7 th June | 8.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00 | Parish Eucharist |
| Monday 8 th | 19.30 | Ringing Practice |
| Tuesday 9 th | 10.30 | Prayer & Praise |
| Wednesday 10 th | 10.00 | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 11 th | 13.00 | School Visit |
| | 18.00 | Beavers |
| | 20.00 | PCC Meeting |
| Sunday 14 th | 10.00 | Parish Communion |
| | 11.30 | Open Gardens |

Important Information

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

Hymns today

380 (OMIT vv2,4, 6); 591; 586 (SING 1, 4, 5, 8, 9); 475; 29

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

Genesis 12:1-9

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that

you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

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

Romans 4:13–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him,’ were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who

believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

A verse for us to reflect on: Romans 8:v28

***In all things, God works for the good
of those who love Him***

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 Mexico and in our own diocese, Janet Mackenzie, the Archdeacon of Hertford

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Greenways, Park Lane, The Comp and Market Square.

We pray for the Dunstable Deanery,

In the wider world we pray for judges, magistrates, probation and prison officers and prisoners.

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 Ted West, Doris Munn, Peter Bennett, Vic Seymour, George Mitchell, Alan Pavey Louisa Tomkins, Hilda Gardiner, Edward Stone, Susan Flower and Edna Batt.

NOTICES

SICK LIST

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

BIBLE READING NOTES

You may have seen the notice in the pew leaflet a few weeks ago about free bible reading notes now available from Our Daily Bread. The new June quarter is now out and is currently on the chest by the north door near the little library of Christian books that are also available to take away. The notes provide lovely reflection time plus wisdom and encouragement for our daily lives. One thing guaranteed is that you won't regret delving into Scripture. Please do take one, either for yourself or someone else. They are dated but it doesn't really matter when you read them, God's message to us doesn't change.

PRAYER MATTERS

All church members who would like to JOIN THE PRAYER MATTERS GROUP IN THE LADY CHAPEL HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE SUNDAY SERVICE are welcome. No need to be concerned about how you pray as we all pray differently; your presence with silent prayers is very welcome. Just turn up and sit with us as we pray for the service; all involved and the vicar leading "When two or more are gathered" is all that is required.

Marion, Peter, Laura, Sheila, Diane and Chriss

WHIPSNADE TREE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL PICNIC

The Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Annual Picnic, Service and Celebration will take place TODAY at 11.00am – 4.00pm for more information please see the poster on the notice board in St Mary's Church, or see the details on St Mary's website.

EB. CARNIVAL GRAND DRAW

With the date fast approaching, Grand Draw tickets will be available in church - 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.

Although I will be missing on Sundays 7th and 14th June, I will be back in church on both Sunday 21st and 28th; should you have any counterfoils or cash to return. We are also still seeking volunteers to fill a number of gaps, if you would like to contact me please call 07970 712447. Thank you, Chris Banks

ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN GARDENS

Next 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.

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