

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

4TH JANUARY 2026; Epiphany

Services this week

Sunday 4 th January	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 5 th	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 7 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 8 th	18.00	Beavers
	20.00	PCC Meeting - Zoom
Saturday 10 th	14.00	Concert – Jazz Town
Sunday 11 th	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Hymns Today

87, 89, 83, 84, 91

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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.**

Isaiah 60:1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Ephesians 3:1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Glory to you O Lord

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 World Council of Churches and in our own diocese, the Vision for Action Initiative - Mission

In our own community we pray today for those who live in Northall Road, Rose Court, Cantilupe Close and Northall Close.

We pray for the North Chilterns Group of Parishes.

In the wider world we pray for all who suffer doubt or have lost their faith..

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 Elizabeth Smith, Marie Simmons, Esme Bell, George Richmond, Edward Dean, Harry Smith and Fred Butler.

*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

NOTICES

SICK LIST

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

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to save your used postage stamps in aid of J R Whippet Rescue. The box to receive the stamps is in church, on the window sill by the kitchen. Thank you, from Ann Hendricksen.

NEW YEAR CONCERT

MUSIC @ ST MARY'S JAZZ-TOWN

This Saturday, 10th January 2026. Starting at 2.00pm
Jazz-Town is a multi instrumental combo from Dunstable including many of the same players from BEATI who entertained us in September

Tickets available from 01525 222283 at £10.00 each

ADVANCE NOTICE – CHILDREN'S PROM

2.30pm, Saturday 7th February 2026

St Mary's, Eaton Bray

featuring Aylesbury Concert Band

Tickets for adults £7.50 from booking Office 01525 222283

FREE TICKETS for accompanied children

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousins (01525 220261)

Please note: Joy's day off is Friday -

Please do not contact her on this day.

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)

