

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

1ST NOVEMBER 2026; ALL SAINTS DAY

Services this week

Sunday 1 st November	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Family Eucharist
	15.00	Memorial Service
Monday 2 nd	19.30	Ringing Practice
Tuesday 3 rd	13.30	School Visit
Wednesday 4 th	10.00	Morning Prayer
Saturday 7 th	10.30	Coffee and Cake
Sunday 8th	9.30	Holy Communion
	10.50	Act of Remembrance at Eaton Bray War Memorial

Important Information

Please note our 10.00 Sunday service today, WILL BE STREAMED

Hymns Today

2, 222, 232, 217, sheet – When the Saints go marching in

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.**

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Revelation 7: 9-17

A reading from the Revelation to St John

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

John 3: 1-13

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

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

Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the World Wide Mission of The Church and in our own diocese, Parish Churches dedicated to All Saints.

In our own community we pray today for those who live in Northall – Leighton Road, The Sears, The Peppiatts and Knolls View.

We pray for all our Associate Ministers - John Russell, Chris Lane, Stephen Burge, Malcolm Grant and Grant Fellows; as well as Stephen Axford and Catherine Wendeler, who are helping and supporting us during the interregnum.

We pray for the person to be our new Vicar and for the appointing team. In the wider world we pray for Peace in the world and for all political leaders.

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 Rosemary Neale, Terry Packer, Len Andrews, Eric Stoten, Denis Good, Alfred Deeley and Patricia Rogers.

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

The Dismissal Gospel John 17:6-9

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.'

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

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 Philipians 4:6) so let's do just that and "pray, pray, pray"! The Prayer Matters Group

NOTICES

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

This afternoon at, 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

NEXT SUNDAY - 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 2 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!

COFFEE AND CAKE

Next Saturday, 7th November; 10.30-12 Noon is time for Coffee and Cake at St Mary's, Eaton Bray. Please come and start the weekend in a great way, by having a catch-up with friends over a cuppa and something delicious to eat! Browse the jigsaws and borrow one; pop into the book swap corner – bring in a book you have read and take out one you haven't!



Have a go at winning a raffle prize! Most of all enjoy the morning and have a good time!

Hoping to see you there – Marion.