

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

**17TH MAY 2026; SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION;  
CAFÉ CHURCH**

### Services this week

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at All Saints' Dagnall
	12.00	Parish Lunch in Village Hall
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Ringing Practice
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Prayer
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	13.00	School Visit
	18.00	Beavers
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00	Electrician in Church
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	15.00	Wedding
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	12.00	Baptism

### Hymns Today

A New Commandment (please see pew leaflet), 398

### Important Information

Please note our 10.00 Sunday service EB today,  
**WILL NOT BE STREAMED**

### Collect

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Acts 1:1-14**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **John 17:1-11**

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

*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 Korea and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Bishop's Stortford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Moor End Close, Eatongate Close, Waterside and Mill End Close.

We pray for those who care for our churches and churchyard and the Eco Group.

In the wider world we pray for medical services and medical research.

Among those who are getting married, we pray especially for Amelia and Daryl who are to be married here next Saturday, 23rd May.

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 Frank Impey, Jim Carke, Winifred Mary Archer, Lilian Bunker, Christopher Ashman, Samuel Twivy, Ida Hall, Alec Bates, Monty Dunsby and Gladys Markham.

## Refrain

A new commandment I give unto you:  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.

1. By this shall all know that you are my disciples  
If you have love one for another.  
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2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
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3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you.  
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Abide in me: I will be with you.

4. True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;  
Love bears all things, love is eternal.  
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## **NOTICES**

### **Bible Reading Notes**

You may have seen the notice in the pew leaflet a few weeks ago about free bible reading notes available from Our Daily Bread. These are currently next to the little library of Christian books that are available to take away on the shelf near the 'kitchen in a cupboard'. Please do help yourself to the reading notes and the books. New notes for the June quarter will soon be available. One thing guaranteed is that you won't regret delving into Bible. Sometimes it's not the easiest of reads but it does have all the ingredients of a best seller... Love, Passion, Tragedy, Murder, Conspiracy, not to mention the Supernatural! Bible reading guides are written to help us engage with God's Word, using reflections and thoughts in a range of styles to suit everyone. They are available from a variety of Christian organisations and a large proportion of them are free. Please do take them, they are dated but it doesn't really matter when you read them, God's message to us doesn't change.

Prayer Matters