

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

2ND NOVEMBER 2025; 2nd Before Advent

Services this week

Sunday 2 nd November	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 3 rd	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 5 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 6 th	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 9 th	9.30	Parish Eucharist
	10.45	Act of Remembrance at Edlesborough
	10.45	Act of Remembrance at Dagnall
	16.00	Memorial Service at St Mary's Eaton Bray

Hymns Today

232 omit vs 6&7 (please see these below), 222, 591, 309, 230

V6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia

V7 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Vicar: Revd Joy Cousans (01525 220261)

***Please note: Joy's day off is Friday -
Please do not contact her on this day.***

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden (01525 220527)



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

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 56:3-8

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people," and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Hebrews 12:18-24

A reading from The Letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.

"Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 5:1-12

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. And 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 the sake of righteousness, 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^[b] 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**

A verse for us to reflect on: John 16:33

Take heart I have overcome the world

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 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 Eaton Bray Road, South End Lane, Chapel Lane, Slapton Lane and Greenacres.

We pray for our Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.

In the wider world we pray for charities, their volunteers and those they help.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently, especially Brian Wykes. We pray for their families and friends at this time and for all who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Len Andrews, Eric Stoten, Susan Flower, Denis Good, Alfred Dealey, and Patricia Rogers.

NOTICES

FUNERAL FOR BRIAN WYKES

The funeral service for Brian will be held on Friday, November 7th. It will commence at Birtton Crematorium, HP22 5BH, at **3:00 PM**, followed by a wake at 6 St Mary's Glebe, LU6 2RB.

In place of flowers, the family kindly requests that any donations be made to Dementia UK. Thank you.

SICK LIST

Today is the second, of 2 Sundays when names can be added to this month's sick list. The blank list to receive names can be found on the prayer board at the front of the North Chapel.

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Times of services 9th November – next Sunday, will be

- 9.30am** Parish Eucharist
- 10.45am Act of Remembrance Service at Edlesborough
- 10.45am Act of Remembrance at Dagnall
- 4.00pm Memorial Service at St Mary's EB

MEMORIAL SERVICE 9th NOVEMBR at 4PM

This is a special time, when we remember loved ones together and light a candle in their memory. Please add their names to the list which can be found on the bookcase.

Ligh refreshments will be served.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FARE

Our Christmas Fare will be held on Saturday 15th November and Barbara is in need of some helpers on the day. We need a couple of



people to do an hour each on the door taking admission money, a couple of people to help for an hour with the raffle and someone to help set up and man the Nearly New stall. If you can possibly help, please let Barbara know asap! We also need donations for the Chocolate

Tombola (to Sharon Stilliard), the Raffle and Nearly New gifts (to Barbara) and cakes etc for the refreshments (please let Barbara know what you are bringing,)

Thank you very much for all your support.

CARNIVAL 2025

The Carnival Committee is now in the process of distributing the monies raised this year - their proposal having been agreed by the PCC in October.

A total of £12,000 having been raised, the St Mary's Fabric Fund will benefit by £6000 whilst £3000 will be paid to College Lake Nature Reserve at Tring (The Bucks, Berks & Oxon Wildlife Trust) the principal charity for this year. The remaining £3000 was then divided between a total of 17 local organisations, charities, schools and parish councils.

All that remains is to thank everyone once again for all your support. Chris Banks

MUSIC @ ST MARY'S – FESTIVAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7th December, starting at 2.00pm, an afternoon of festive music provided by South Beds Concert Band and Stephen Axford.

Tickets are £10.00 each and available from 01525 222238