

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

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Services this week

Sunday 2 nd August	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Parish Communion
Monday 3 rd	19.30	Ringing Practice
Tuesday 4 th	14.00	Visiting Ringers
Wednesday 5 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th	10.00	Parish Communion
	15.00	Hymns on the Green

Important Information

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

Hymns

Sheet – All to Jesus, I surrender, 581, 470, 286, 609

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 55: 1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for

David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

Matthew 14: 13-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and in our own diocese, Chellington Youth Centre.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Eaton Bray Road, South End Lane, Chapel Lane, Slapton Lane and Greenacres

We pray for our Churchwardens and PCC.

We pray for the person to be our new Vicar and for the appointing team.

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. We pray for all who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Harry Gilbert, Joy Gilbert, Joan Hart, Anne Grant, Peter Hallam, Vi Marsh, Iris Conner, Kenneth Cartwright, Mary French, John Horne and Phyllis Parrott.

A verse for us to reflect on: 1 Corinthians 16:v13

Be on your guard; stand firm in faith

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

NOTICES

CALLED TO PRAY

At the recent vacancy meeting with the Bishop and Archdeacon, we were invited to pray, pray, pray for the person to be our new Vicar and for the appointing team. The Archdeacon believes God already knows, but our prayers really matter. This prayer group meets on the last Friday of the month and is open to all St Mary's congregation where we pray for all church activities and growth and for our new Vicar.

Prayer Matters Team.

NCG ANNUAL SERVICE

On Sunday 30th August the NCG annual service will be held at St Mary's Eaton Bray at 10am led by Nicola Lenthal and Kaushal
Let's offer a warm welcome to all NCG churches when they join us from other parishes. Sheila and Chriss (NCG reps).

STEPHEN AXFORD

Stephen (our organist) will be licensed as a Reader in St Albans Abbey on Sunday 27th September at 4pm. If you would like to join those from St Mary's supporting him, and the other new Readers in the diocese, then please sign up on the sheet near the door, to help the Abbey with seating arrangements and refreshments. **ALL** are welcome!

HYMNS ON THE GREEN

Sunday 9th August at 3pm

A warm invitation to join churches of Eaton Bray, Dagnall,
Edlesborough/Kensworth and Northall at
Hymns of Praise on Edlesborough Green
Led by The Salvation Army Band
Bring your garden chairs and Picnic Rugs
Refreshments in Edlesborough Chapel

*So, bring your chair!
Bring your listening ear!
Come, sing some hymns
in some nice fresh air.*