

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

30TH AUGUST 2026; TRINITY 13

Services this week

Today we are delighted to be hosting the NCG Annual Service.

We welcome Revd Canon Nicola Lenthall as our Celebrant
and Revd Kaushal David as our Preacher

We offer a warm welcome to all NCG church members
as they join us in worship.

Sunday 30 th August	10.00	NCG Annual Service
	15.00	Wedding Blessing
Monday 31 st	19.30	Ringing Practice
Wednesday 2 nd September	10.00	Holy Communion
Friday 4 th	13.30	Funeral
Saturday 5 th	10.30	Coffee and Cake
Sunday 6 th	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Patronal Festival with Canon Malcolm Grant

Important Information

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

Hymns Today

621, 582, 418, 383, 380

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Jeremiah 15:15–21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Romans 12:9–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Matthew 16:21–28

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

Glory to you O, Lord

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 Archbishop's Council and in our own diocese, The Local Ministry Officer.

In our own community we pray today for those who own and work in the shops and pubs in our parish.

We pray for our Parish, District and County Councils and local councillors.

We pray for the person to be our new Vicar and for the appointing team. In the wider world we pray for all who travel and providers of public transport.

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 Maisie Fountaine, Hilda Bennett, Joan Winch, Gillian O'Dowd, Kelly Howard and Richard Grant.

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 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”* (1 Thessalonians 5:17 and Philippians 4:6) so let's do just that and “pray, pray, pray”! The Prayer Matters Group

FREE BIBLE READING NOTES

The new quarterly bible reading notes from Our Daily Bread, beginning September, are now available on the shelf at the back near the Christian book library. These reading reflections are a lovely way of engaging with the word of God. Please do take a copy.

FOODBANK

Next Sunday, 6th September is Foodbank Sunday when we make our donations to Foodbank for those in need. On the current most wanted list are:- savoury snacks (crackers, popcorn), rice pudding tinned, long life milk in cartons, long life fruit juice in cartons, meat in sauce (meatballs, stew etc), solid canned meat (corned beef, ham etc), instant mash potatoes. But please no pasta – we have plenty! Many thanks for your contributions. Best wishes Iain Stubbs and the Foodbank team.

COFFEE & CAKE

Next Saturday, 5th September is time for Coffee and Cake at 10.30-12.00 in St Mary's EB. Please come and enjoy the home made savoury and sweet delights along side a delicious cup of tea/coffee; have a go on the raffle; swap a book; borrow a jigsaw; most of all enjoy a good catchup with friends. (We greatly appreciate help putting tables and chairs away. Thankyou. Marion & Team)

NOTICES CONTINUED

SPECIAL SERVICES

Next Sunday, 6th September, we will welcome Canon Malcolm Grant back to Eaton Bray, and look forward to celebrating our Patronal Festival with him.

13th September, Bishop Richard, Bishop of Bedford, will celebrate Holy Communion with us and during the service, welcome two babies in baptism.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Coming soon. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning here at St Mary's on Friday 25th September. 10.00 till Midday. Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer support. More to follow nearer the date. Sheila

MUSIC @ St MARY'S – JOHN NOONAN

SINGS COUNTRY & WESTERN CLASSICS

Saturday 10th October at 2.00pm

Tickets priced at £10 each, which include refreshments in the interval are available from 01525 222283

Please read the posters in church or see our website for more details.

MUSIC @ St MARY'S – POPPY PROM

Saturday 31st October at 2.00pm

Tickets priced at £10 each are available from 01525 222283.

More details will be available soon.