

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

11TH JANUARY 2026; Baptism of Christ

Services this week

Sunday 11 th	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 12 th	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 13 th	10.30	Prayer and Praise
Wednesday 14 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 15 th	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 18 th	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at All Saints', Dagnall
	12.00	Parish Lunch in Village Hall
	15.00	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Edlesborough Methodist Church led by Rev Tim Haines

Hymns Today

386, 93, 90, 175, 470

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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 42:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Acts 10:34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the

people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Matthew 3:13–17

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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 incoming Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally and in our own diocese, Richard Atkinson, Acting Bishop of St Albans.

In our own community we pray today for those who live in Church Lane, Booth Place, Woodside, May Close and Roebuck Mews.

We pray for those preparing for Confirmation and the recently confirmed.

In the wider world we pray for inter-racial and inter-faith harmony.

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 Phyllis Carey, Joan Brooks, Margaret Cooke, Rita Channing, Ethel Reay, Rosa Hines and Amy Hallam.

*A verse for us to reflect on: **Ephesians 6:10***

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

NOTICES

THANKS

A great big thankyou to everyone who helped in any way with last Saturday's Coffee and Cake morning! Another huge social success in spite of the weather!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Prayer and Praise group will meet this Tuesday, 13th January in St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray at 10.30am where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is 18.1.2026 – 25.1.2026. There will be a service at Edlesborough Methodist Church on Sunday 18th January at 3.00pm led by Rev Tim Haines. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER AND PANCAKES!

Shrove Tuesday, 17th February at The Salvation Army, Eaton Bray, at 6.30pm.

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)

