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

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

12TH JULY 2026; TRINITY 6

Services this week

Sunday 12th July	10.00	Parish Communion
Monday 13th	19.30	Ringing Practice
Tuesday 14th	10.30	Prayer and Praise
Wednesday 15th	10.00	Morning Prayer, Stephen Axford
Thursday 16th	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 19th	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at Dagnall
	12.00	Parish Lunch in the Village Hall

Important Information

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

Hymns today

516, 321, 175, 515, 267

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 55:10-13

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: For as the rain and the snow come down from

heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 8:1-11

A reading the letter of Paul to the Romans
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew
Glory to you O Lord
Jesus went and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the

path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they werescorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the General Synod of the Church of England and in our own diocese, churches in the Deanery of Cheshunt..
In our own community we pray today for all who live in Lord's Mead, The Meads, Perry Mead and Knights Court.
We pray for Marriage Preparation and those preparing for heir weddings
In the wider world we pray for Climate Change and the care for our planet.
We pray for the sick and those who have died recently, especially for Muriel Seymour, her family and friends. We pray for all who are grieving losses.
At their year's mind, we remember Gordon Fountain, Dorothy Parrott and Frank Saunders.

A verse for us to reflect on: Matthew 18 v 20

Where two or three come together in My name there I am with them.

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

NOTICES

Today we return to the Church's traditional practice of sharing the chalice at Holy Communion

CELIA FRENCH

Celia French's memorial service will take place on Wednesday 22nd July at 3pm in St Mary's Eaton Bray. Followed by burial of ashes.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer and Praise Group meets this Tuesday, in St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray at 10.30 where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

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. Please come to the next meeting in church on Friday 24th July 10.30-12. This prayer group 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).

EMAIL COPY OF THE PEW LEAFLET

If you don't already receive a copyof the pew leaflet by email but would like to, please send a request to Marion at mdhmhsh@btinternet.com

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