

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

30TH NOVEMBER 2025; Advent Sunday

Services this week

Sunday 30 th	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	16.00	NCG Advent Service at St Giles', Totternhoe
Monday 1 st December	19.30	Bell Ringing Practice
Tuesday 2 nd	14.30	Eaton Bray Academy
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th	18.00	Beavers
Saturday 6 th	10.30	Coffee Morning
Sunday 7 th	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	14.00	Festival for Christmas

Hymns Today

26, 35, 601, 318, 31

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 2:1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Romans 13:11–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 24:36–44

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But

understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 persecuted Christians and in our own diocese, the Workplace Ministry, Industrial and Retail Chaplains.

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 concillors.

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, especially Brian Chapman. We pray for Lorraine, Tim and partner, Lucy and their friends at this time. We pray for all who are grieving losses.

At their year's mind, we remember Fred Potts, Christine Sagon, Betty Sanders, Nora Stable, Phyllis Vera Brewer, Peter Bradbury, David Dunnett, Peter John Hunt, Gerry Wells, Olga Shaw and Peter Bodsworth.

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)



NOTICES

NCG ADVENT SERVICE

This afternoon at 4.00pm at St Giles', Totternhoe.

REVAMPED WEBSITE NEWS

St Mary's now has a refreshed website at

<https://www.stmaryseatonbray.org.uk>

Please have a look - it's a work in progress.

Elizabeth Axford is the contact for news, reviews, events, and publicity at elizabethaxford@yahoo.co.uk - please send her lots of lovely information!

COFFEE MORNING at St MARY'S

Next Saturday, 6th December is time for the 3 Cs - a Chat, Coffee and Cake in St Mary's Church! There will of course be savouries and teas, as well as the raffle, jigsaws to browse, the chance to bring a book you've read and swap it for one you haven't and some bric-a-brac to browse!

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday from 10.30 – 12 noon.

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.

There will be biscuits, coffee and tea in the 20min interval.

Tickets are £10.00 each and available from 01525 222283

DAGNALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 13th December

10.00 – 12.00 noon

Ringshall Road, HP4 1RL

ADVANCE NOTICE – NEW YEAR CONCERT

MUSIC @ ST MARY'S JAZZ-TOWN

Saturday 10th January 2026. Starting at 2.00pm

Jazz-Town is a multi instrumental combo from Dunstable including many of the same players from BEATI who entertained us in September

Tickets available from 01525 222283