

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

11TH OCTOBER 2026; TRINITY 19

Services this week

Sunday 11 th October	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Monday 12 th	12.45	School Visit
	19.30	Ringing Practice
Tuesday 13 th	10.30	Prayer & Praise
Wednesday 14 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th	8.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Café Church
	10.30	Holy Communion at Dagnall
	12.00	Parish Lunch in Village Hall

Important Information

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

Hymns This Week

619, 594, 482, 181, 563

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

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Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Philippians 4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of

peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Glory to you O, Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a

man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O, Christ**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips, but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for vocations to Lay Ministry and in our own diocese, Agricultural Chaplains.

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.

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

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 May Watts, Adam Bodsworth, Steve Ilic, Philip Johnson, Mary Dyson, Peter Clark and Jennifer Saving.

A verse for us to reflect on: Isaiah:2 v5

Let us walk in the light of the LORD

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

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 lovely way of engaging with the word of God. Please do take a copy.

THANKYOU

for helping make last Saturday(3rd October) another wonderful social occasion in St Mary's. The church was buzzing with lively chatter and smiling happy faces. This all happens thanks to the many cooks of delicious cakes and savouries; the energy of those who gladly organise the furniture before and after the coffee morning without being asked; Amanda and Jim for organising the raffle; Sue, our efficient food server and Ann and Julian for making over 100 drinks and washing up! Most of all, thanks to all of you who come and make the day!

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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.