

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026; TRINITY 14; PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Services this week

Today, we welcome Canon Malcolm Grant and will be celebrating with him our Patronal Festival. Please stay after the service for festive refreshments in honour of this special day.

Sunday 6th September

10.00 Patronal Festival with Canon
Malcolm Grant

Monday 7th 19.30 Ringing Practice

Tuesday 8th 10.30 Prayer & Praise

Wednesday 9th 10.00 Morning Prayer (SA)

Thursday 10th 11.00 Pastoral Meeting

20.00 PCC Meeting

Sunday 13th 10.00 Holy Communion with Bishop Richard
and 2 Baptisms

17.00 Confirmation at St Mary's, Whipsnade

Important Information

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

Hymns Today

208 (parts 2 & 3 & Doxology), 243, 241, 238, 362

Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 61:10–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Galatians 4:4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Luke 1:46–55

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

Glory to you O, Lord

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

A verse for us to reflect on: Revelations 2:19

*I know your deeds, your love and faith,
your service and perseverance.*

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Province of Canterbury in England and in our own diocese, Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford.

In our own community we pray today for those who live in Dyers Road and The Orchards.

We pray for Dave Middlebrook, our Archdeacon and Diocesan Officials.

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

In the wider world we pray for our King, Government & Parliament.

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 Dorothy Baines, Michael Thorne, Phyllis Parrott, Bill Morgan and Dorothy Bradbury.

NOTICES

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

meets this Tuesday, 8th September in St Mary's at 10.30 where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.

BIKE 'N HIKE

The Bike 'N Hike for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust takes place Saturday 12th September. If anyone is interested in participating, please speak to Catherine.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

We will once again be hosting our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday **25th September** from 10.00 a.m. until midday. This is one of the now frequent occasions when we bring more of the community into St Mary's and it is good to have friendly faces providing a welcome. There will be a cake stall, book swap etc. Offers of help, raffle prizes and cakes would be very welcome. Please contact Sheila Banks 221556, 07813 077141 or sheilabanks1@aol.com please.

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.

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

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.

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