

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

with

EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026; TRINITY 15

Services this week

Today, we are delighted to welcome Bishop Richard as our Celebrant and Preacher. Bishop Richard will also Baptise Arthur and James

Sunday 13 th	10.00	Holy Communion with Bishop Richard and Baptisms of Arthur and James
	17.00	Confirmation at St Mary's, Whipsnade
Monday 14 th	19.30	Ringling Practice
Wednesday 16 th	10.00	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th	13.30	School Visit
	18.00	Beavers
Sunday 20 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 NOT BE STREAMED**

Hymns Today - 334, 433, 555, 519, 336

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

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Romans 14:1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Matthew 18:21–35

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

Glorify to you O, Lord

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have

patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We welcome into the fellowship of Christ’s Church baby Arthur and baby James, whose baptisms we celebrate this morning.

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and in our own diocese, the Board for Christian development.

In our own community we pray today for those who live in School Lane, Old School Court, Gurney Court and Eaton Park.

We pray for the young people in our communities.

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

In the wider world we pray for education – schools.

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 Doris Baldwin, Elsie Moore, Joan Thorne, Edwin French, Douglas Bone and Phyllis Tearle.

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

NOTICES

CANCELLATION OF DAGNALL CHURCH’S HARVEST BRUNCH

Unfortunately, this event which was scheduled for Saturday 19th September has had to be cancelled because we have too few people to run it. Philip Lee.

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

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.

THANKYOU

I want to thank everyone who helped in **ANY WAY** with the cake and coffee morning on 6th September. It was another very successful, social occasion. The church was a buzz with chatter and laughter; and eating! Just wonderful ... and we haven’t to wait till October to do it all again, because.....there is

THE 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.