

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



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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

28TH JUNE 2026; TRINITY 4

Services this week

Sunday 28 th June	10.00	Parish Communion
Monday 29 th	19.30	Ringing Practice
Wednesday 1 st July	10.00	Morning Prayer
Thursday 2 nd	18.00	Beavers
Saturday 4 th	11.00	St Mary's Village Carnival on Edlesborough Green

Important Information

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

Hymns today

6, 533, 508, 518, 262

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 22:1-14

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

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

Romans 6:12–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so

now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 10:40–42

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

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for Ordination Candidates and in our own diocese, Diocesan Directors of Ordinands

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Dean's Meadow, Malting Lane, Huntsman's Close and Chestnut Close.

We pray for social services and home care organisations.

In the wider world we pray for families under stress.

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 Sue Trigg, Gwen Palfrey, Peter Anderson, Queenie Symons, Cliff Brown, Barry Horne, Pete Hawkins, Benoit Sanders, Margaret Stannard, Ken Bearton, Michael Boar, Henry Smith.

A verse for us to reflect on: Romans 8: v28

***In all things, God works for the good
of those who love Him***

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel

NOTICES

SICK LIST

Today is the first of two Sundays when names can be added to next month's sick list. The blank list to receive the names can be found on the Prayer Board at the front of the North Chapel.

FOOD BANK

Next Sunday is Foodbank Sunday when we make our donations for the local Foodbank. On the items most needed list this month are, Tinned fruit, Long life fruit juice, Jam, Peanut butter, Honey, Long life milk cartons, Tinned vegetables e.g peas, carrots sweetcorn, packets of Sweets or Chocolates and jars of Pasta Sauce. Please refrain from offering pasta and rice as we have more than sufficient. Thank you. Many thanks, Iain Stubbs and the food-bank team.

BIBLE READING NOTES

You may have seen the notice in the pew leaflet a few weeks ago about free bible reading notes now available from Our Daily Bread. The new June quarter is now out and is currently on the chest by the north door near the little library of Christian books that are also available to take away. The notes provide lovely reflection time plus wisdom and encouragement for our daily lives. One thing guaranteed is that you won't regret delving into Scripture. Please do take one, either for yourself or someone else. They are dated but it doesn't really matter when you read them, God's message to us doesn't change.

PRAYER MATTERS

All church members who would like to JOIN THE PRAYER MATTERS GROUP IN THE LADY CHAPEL HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE SUNDAY SERVICE are Welcome. No need to be concerned about how you pray as we all pray differently; your presence with silent prayers is very welcome. Just turn up and sit with us as we pray for the service; all involved and the vicar leading "When two or more are gathered" is all that is required.

Marion, Peter, Laura, Sheila, Diane and Chriss

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