

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EATON BRAY

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EDLESBOROUGH & ALL SAINTS, DAGNALL

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

24TH MARCH 2024 – PALM SUNDAY

Services This Week

Sunday 24 th March	10.00 - Blessing of Palms and Sung Eucharist
Monday 25 th	19.30 - Bell Ringing Practice
	19.30 - Service at Kensworth
Tuesday 26 th	11.00 - Funeral
	19.30 - Service at Stanbridge
Wednesday 27 th	10.00 - Holy Communion
	19.30 - Stations of The Cross Eaton Bray
Maundy Thursday, 28 th	20.00 - Holy Communion followed by The Watch (silent prayer)
Good Friday, 29 th	10.30 - Messy Church in the Village Hall
	14.00 - 'An hour at the Cross' (Devotional Service)
	15.00 - 'The Way of The Cross' (service of reflection) at Dagnall
Easter Day, 31 st	10.00 - Sung Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt
	10.30 - Family Communion Service at Dagnall

Hymns Today

128, 129, 112, 108, 127

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)



Important Information

Please note our 10am 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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 50:4–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Philippians 2:5–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Mark 15:1–39

Hear the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot

save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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

A verse for us to reflect on:

James 4 v10

Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.

This verse will be displayed also, in the North Chapel of the Church.

For Our Prayers:

In our prayers for the Church this week, we pray for the Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong and in our own diocese, Churches in the Deanery of Watford.

In our own community we pray today for all who live in Moat Reach, Barn View, Chiltern Avenue, Leighton Road and Church End.

We pray for the Middle, Upper and Secondary Schools our Children attend.

In the wider world, we pray for industry, business and commerce.

We pray for the sick; and those who have died recently, especially Leslie Bradbury whose funeral will be held in St Marys, Eaton Bray this Tuesday, 26th March at 11.00am. We pray for them and their families; and for all those grieving over the loss of loved ones at this time.

At their year's mind, we remember Neville Shaw, Tina Poole, Harold Millins and Louisa White.

Notices

EASTER LILIES If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please let Barbara Morton or Catherine Hayden know. Thank you for your support

MAUNDY THURSDAY VIGIL As is customary, a silent vigil will be kept in Eaton Bray Church from the end of the evening service. If you are able and are willing to participate could you please add your name(s) to the sheet on the bookcase. Thank you.

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP will meet in St Mary's Church, Eaton Bray, at 10.30am **Tuesday, 9th April** where a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us. **Please note the change of date.**

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE This years Easter Monday Pilgrimage will take place on *1 April 2024* with the theme of All Things New. From *14.30 - 17.00*. Hundreds of us will be journeying to the Cathedral from across the diocese and beyond for an Easter celebration. The informal service of Holy Communion will start at 3pm, but we'll start processing into the Cathedral from 2.30pm. The service will led by Bishop Jane, during which we'll sing together, and hear some excellent short Easter reflections. Dogs are welcome and most of us sit on the floor, although chairs are available if you'd prefer that. And don't forget to bring along a picnic to have in front of the Cathedral beforehand. Lots more information available at **<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/EMP>**

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Come for some St Mary's Easter Holiday Fun
in the Village Hall, Eaton Bray**

**All primary school age children and toddlers
with parents, grandparents or carers are welcome**

**Activities, Singing & Bible Stories!
The theme will be 'The Easter Story'
There will be fish fingers to eat for lunch!**

**VACANCY - Safeguarding Administrator (0.6) -
The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org)**

The job is central to our Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will be supporting the very important safeguarding training programme.

- 21 hours a week (4-5 hours over 4-5 days)
- Flexibility to work part from home and part from Holywell Lodge, St Albans
- We are looking for strong Administrative and Communication skills and someone who is good at working as part of a team.

Deadline for applications is 12pm on 8th April 2024

A Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Commemoration of The Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

Introduction

The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

2. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one:
All glory, laud and honour

3. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:
All glory, laud and honour

4. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
All glory, laud and honour

5. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:
All glory, laud and honour

6. Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:
All glory, laud and honour

*7. Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:
All glory, laud and honour

*8. For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

*All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

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