



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints, Potters Bar

10th March 2024

Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

*A warm welcome to St Mary's,
especially if this is your first time here.
Please stay for refreshments after the Family Eucharist.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2 vv 1-10 *In the preservation of Moses we see a parallel of the life of the Christ Child preserved from Herod.*

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3 vv 12-17 *St Paul exhorts us to live in close union with our Lord and gives practical advice for a Christian way of life.*

Gospel: John 19 vv 25-27 *We stand with Mary at the foot of the cross as she watches her son close to death.*

Hymns: 27, 323, 220, 396, 299

Anthem: Ave Maria – Arcadelt

5.00pm **EVENSONG** **Hymns:** 369, 83, 331

The Week Ahead

Monday	8.00pm	Lent study group
Tuesday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for private prayer
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for private prayer
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.15am	Lent study group
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for private prayer
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	7.30pm	Potters Bar Choral Society concert (rehearsal during the afternoon)

Next Sunday is PASSION SUNDAY (Lent 5)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

4.00pm 'The Cross of Christ' – a service of music and readings for Passiontide – at King Charles the Martyr Church

Next week's Eucharist readings are: Jeremiah 31 vv 31-34
Hebrews 5 vv 5-10 and John 12 vv 20-33.

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Parish Notices

As is our tradition, we shall remember our departed loved ones with **lilies at Easter**. Please write down the names of those you wish to be remembered on a piece of paper and enclose it in an envelope with **£1.50** for each lily (*using a Gift Aid envelope, if possible*). Names and money to be given to Richard or Pearl by **next Sunday**. Names can also be emailed or phoned through to Richard with payment made by electronic bank transfer.

If you are a regular worshipper here, we would like to encourage you to join our **Electoral Roll** which is being revised in preparation for our Annual Meeting on Sunday 28th April. Please ask Elizabeth Liney or Richard for an application form - only new applicants need to complete a form this year. Forms to be returned by Sunday 7th April.

Lent study groups continue to meet at church on Monday evenings at 8.00pm (focusing on The Creeds) and Thursday mornings at 10.15am after the 9.30am Eucharist (focusing on Church and Kingdom). All are welcome, even if you have missed the earlier sessions.

For our **Lent sacrificial giving**, we are supporting Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB). Donations can be made using the yellow Gift Aid envelopes or by bank transfer which should be marked "HAB" or "Lent Appeal".

Next Saturday, Potters Bar Choral Society are performing the Vivaldi Gloria & Magnificat and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater here at St Mary's at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 on the door. More details available from Dave Miller.

The next church cleaning session will be on **Tuesday 19th March** from 10.00am. If you are able to lend a hand, that would be much appreciated.

The PCC will meet on **Wednesday 20th March** at 8.00pm, preceded by a celebration of the Eucharist at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in taking part in the **dramatized reading of the Passion Gospel** on Palm Sunday, please let Richard know.

Many thanks to those from St Mary's who attended the World Day of Prayer service at St Giles, South Mymms on 1st March. It was well attended, with a collection of £365.

For your prayers

The sick Paul Camp, Janet Daniels, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Bill Peters, Marilyn Grosse, Elinor Battersby, Valerie Taylor, Ricky Mella, Thomas Dey, Regina, Laura Page, Vilma Bonnici

We also pray for Ron & Joan Golden, Jackie Plummer, Doreen Whittle, Kate Schofield, David Hancock, Tess, Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Susan North, Robert Peters, Brooke Martin, David Evans, Nicola Stiff, Alison Stevens, Brian Warren, Desmond Haynes, Marjorie Zerfahs, John Stanton, Johanna Stanton, Betty Lockton, Stephen Disley, Zanna Bloomfield, Keith Probert, Ann Williams

The recently departed Ann Pescod, Andrew Billington

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Bertram Betts, Charles Knight, Rosalind Clarke, Edgar Palfrey, William Jubb

Our parish We remember those who live in Oakmere Avenue, Oakmere Close and Oakmere Lane

Bishop Alan is grateful for all the prayers for his recent surgery and recuperation. His operation went well and he is now resting, with a plan to return to work in early May.

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Old Testament Reading – Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child, and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Before the Gospel

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

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Come, my children, and listen to me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Gospel – John 19: 25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

MAIN HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

SUNDAY 24th MARCH at 10am – PALM SUNDAY EUCHARIST with PALM PROCESSION and READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL
(beginning at Parkfield Medical Centre car park)

THURSDAY 28th MARCH at 8pm – MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

FRIDAY 29th MARCH at 12.30pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
1.30pm – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

SATURDAY 30th MARCH at 8pm – THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST EUCHARIST
OF EASTER

SUNDAY 31st MARCH at 10am – EASTER DAY FESTIVAL EUCHARIST