

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

22nd June 2025

The Feast of St Alban the Martyr

*A warm welcome to St Mary's,
especially if this is your first time here.*

*Do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10am service
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION from the Reserved Sacrament**

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First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 3 vv 1-9 *We rejoice in the glorious hope of the more splendid life beyond the grave and the gate of death.*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2 vv 8-12a *St Paul asserts that there is the promise of a reward with Christ for suffering for the gospel.*

Gospel: John 6 vv 37-40 *Everyone who looks to Jesus by faith for salvation has the guarantee of eternal life.*

Hymns: 'We sing of holy Alban', 187, 279, 396, 80

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus - Byrd

5.00pm **EVENSONG Hymns:** 225, 381, 372

*Our flowers this week have been arranged by Jessica Hollings
and donated by Harry Hadfield*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Birth of St John the Baptist
9.30am	Morning Prayer
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
12 noon	Knit & Natter Group meets in the choir vestry
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion
	<i>Celebrant: The Revd Alec Corio, Rector of East Barnet</i>
10.10am – 12 noon	Church cleaning – <u>all help gratefully received</u>
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	9.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday	7.30pm 'Strings and Pipes': a concert with mandolin and organ/piano

Next Sunday is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Philip Green

Next Sunday's readings will be: Acts 12 vv 1-11;
2 Timothy 4 vv 6-8, 17-18 and Matthew 16 vv 13-19.

While Fr Stefan is on extended study leave,
please refer all enquiries to **Richard Osborn**

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Parish Notices

Ciaran and Millicent Burks are delighted to announce the safe delivery of their daughter, named **Arabelle Almé Burks**, who was born last Tuesday. Mother and baby are both doing well and they are thankful for everyone's prayers and good wishes.

The next lunchtime recital will be on **Tuesday 1st July** at 12.30pm when we shall welcome Alice Bishop and Timothy Peake (soprano and piano). Light lunches will be served after the recital.

On **Sunday 6th July** at 4.00pm, there will be a Choral Vespers service at Our Lady & St Vincent Roman Catholic Church, Mutton Lane. Some of our choir will be taking part and all are welcome to attend the service.

Our **Open Gardens Day** will take place on **Saturday 26th July** – an opportunity to socialise with families and friends in informal settings. Further information is at the back of the church. Tickets are £5 (children free). Please sign the list on the noticeboard if you intend to visit one or more of the gardens to give us an idea of numbers.

Children's Society Could box holders please bring their boxes into church by **27th July**? *Thank you – Anne Holt*

Watchers and Welcomers Please let Heather Hawkes know of any holiday dates in August and September.

A **flower rota** for the second half of the year is now posted on the noticeboard. Please sign up for the Sundays when you wish to arrange or donate flowers.

We are updating our **prayer lists for the sick** over the next few weeks. If you wish names to remain on the lists, please indicate this on the sheet on the noticeboard, otherwise they may be removed in early July.

For your prayers

The sick Elizabeth Liney, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Elizabeth Wiseman, Chere Hunter, Rhys Woods, Robert Peters, Alison Stevens, Frank Gower, Carlos Perez, Dawn Cruickshank, Daren Ellis, Maureen Alderman, Tessa Buckingham, Diane Christy, Angela Evans, Pauline Phillips

We give thanks for the improvement in the health of Jordan Seal

We also pray for Jayne Hutton, Keith Downes, Ron Golden, Tom Morley, Susan North, Valerie Taylor, Sasha Burt, Suzanne Edwards, Nicola Stiff, Ricky Mella, Keith Probert, Betty Lockton, David Evans, Richard Barnes

The recently departed Martin Odhiambo, Peggy Tomlin

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Gary Hudson, Gordon Breed, George Lavin, Elsie Beauchamp

Our parish We remember those who live in Bearwood Close, Beechwood Avenue and Bentley Heath Lane

Please pray for those preparing to be ordained deacon or priest next weekend, especially those from our diocese

THE FEAST OF ST ALBAN

Collect

O God, who hallowed the Church in this land by the blood of its first martyr St Alban: Grant that we who venerate his memory on earth may, when our earthly course is run, be made fellow-citizens with him in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Wisdom of Solomon 3 vv 1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Psalm 124

R Our help is in the name of the Lord

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger towards us; **R**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us. **R**

Blessèd be the Lord! he has not given us over to
be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

2 Timothy 2 vv 8-12a

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.

John 6 vv 37-40

Jesus said to the people: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; & I will raise them up on the last day."

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose loving-kindness is better than life itself, kindle our hearts with the spirit of mercy that we, keeping the feast of Alban, may also keep his holy example and take up the cause of those who seek our protection. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE SING OF HOLY ALBAN

1. We sing of holy Alban and his suffering for the Lord,
Of resounding words of witness for the Christ whom he adored.
Of his boldness and his daring and his dying by the sword; His faith is marching on.
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
His faith is marching on.
2. 'I worship and adore the true and living God' he said,
As the darkening world of evil raged in torment round his head:
In the strength of Christ he trod, as he to martyrdom was led; His words are marching on.
Glory, glory... His words are marching on.
3. For the Lord himself had died upon a hill of dread and shame,
All forsaken on a cross, the King of glory was his name.
Here with Alban and the Saints of God, his victory we proclaim;
His power is marching on.
Glory, glory ... His power is marching on.
4. It was here, a British hillside green and beautiful with flowers,
That a martyr made a stand for Christ against those evil powers.
So on Christ's name we will witness and his triumph can be ours; His glory marches on.
Glory, glory .. His glory marches on.
5. We celebrate the courage of a martyr true and bold,
We remember now his witness for the Lord in days of old;
We rededicate ourselves today, his Gospel to be told; The Good News marches on.
Glory, glory... The Good News marches on.