



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

29th June 2025

The Feast of St Peter and St Paul

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

*Refreshments are served in the hall after the Parish Eucharist.
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*We welcome back the Revd Philip Green as
our celebrant & preacher this morning*

First Reading: Acts 12 vv 1-11 *In answer to the prayers of the
Church, Peter is released from prison by an Angel.*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4 vv 6-8, 17-18 *Paul, his death
near, is writing from prison to young Timothy.*

Gospel: Matthew 16 vv 13-19 *Peter expresses his belief that
Jesus is the Messiah so long looked for by the Jews.*

Hymns: 360, 359, 478, 387, 467

Anthem: Hail, glorious spirits - Tye

*Our flowers this week have been arranged by Pearl Shepherd
and donated by Stella and Karen Pond
in memory of their father, John Pond*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Recital by Alice Bishop & Timothy
Peake (soprano & piano)
Coffee, tea & biscuits after recital (no lunches this month)
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Alec Corio
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
3.00pm Service at Greenhill care home
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday **St Thomas the Apostle**
9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday No Morning Prayer today
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Saturday 8.30am Churches Together Prayers
at Christ Church, Little Heath
followed by a light breakfast

Next Sunday is the **Third Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
10.00am Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
4.00pm Choral Vespers at Our Lady & St Vincent Church
Our readings next Sunday will be: Isaiah 66 vv 10-14;
Galatians 6 vv 7-16 and Luke 10 vv 1-11, 16-20.

Parish Notices

40 years ago today, **Ron & Joan Golden** were married in St Mary's by Fr Jeff Stratton. We send them our love and congratulations on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Next Sunday, 6th July, at 4.00pm, there will be a Choral Vespers service at Our Lady & St Vincent Roman Catholic Church, Mutton Lane. 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, Rhys Woods, Robert Peters, Alison Stevens, Frank Gower, Carlos Perez, Dawn Cruickshank, Maureen Alderman, Daren Ellis, Tessa Buckingham, Diane Christy, Pauline Phillips

We give thanks for the improvement in the health of Elizabeth Wiseman and Angela Evans

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, Chere Hunter

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week Robert Goodacre, Alice Devereux, Jack Penn, Peggy Alderton, Phyllis Coleman, Rex Robinson

Our parish We remember those who live in Bentley Place, Billy Lows Lane and Birch Grove

Please pray for those who are being ordained deacon or priest this weekend, especially those from our diocese

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

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THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2025

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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.**

FIRST READING Acts 12: 1–11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

PSALM 125

R Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 17–18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13–19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**