

# News from St Mary's

## East Barnet Parish Church

August 2025

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| Sunday 3 August  | 10am All Age Messy Eucharist<br>6pm Evensong  |
| Sunday 10 August | 10am Eucharist for Trinity 8  |
| Sunday 17 August | 10am Eucharist for Trinity 9<br><i>We regret that there is no Contemplative Eucharist in August</i> |
| Sunday 24 August | 10am Morning Prayer for Trinity 10  |
| Sunday 31 August | 10am Eucharist for Trinity 11   |

*Rooted* is a new youth group that several local churches are launching, together. If you're a teenager and are interested in coming along, then you will be very welcome at the next session—for pizza and fun! That will be held at St Mark's, Barnet Vale, on Sunday 17 August at 6pm. Please speak with Alec for more details, or if you're interested but can't come along in August.

In September we will have many exciting services and activities at St Mary's, so please *save the date* now for ... 7 September 10am All Age Messy Eucharist for Education  
Sunday : 14 September 10am Patronal Festival : 14 September 1pm Inter-Faith Gardening & Green Food Workshop : 21 September 11am shared Creation Service at St John's URC, New Barnet : a community organising session with our local MP : and the return of Messy Church too!

The Church Choir rehearses before special services, on the day.

To join, please contact the Director of Music.

St Mary's, Potters Bar, is holding an event for Play the Organ year at 3pm on Saturday 27th September. Come along to learn about and play their 2250-pipe organ.

Enjoy coffee and cake in the community halls on the first Thursday of the month from 10:30 - 12 noon.

Every Thursday from 12:30pm there are food parcel packing sessions in the community halls.

For information, please contact the Rector.

The Prayer Group meets at 3pm on Fridays.

For more information please contact the

Director of Music or Debbie Windeler (debbw@talktalk.net).

The Sewing Circle meets in the community halls on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10am–1pm.

Young Voices rehearses on Wednesdays at 4pm.

To join, please contact the Director of Music.

Bring your school bags, pencil case, coffee cups ... to have them blessed for the new academic year at the All Age Messy Eucharist on Education Sunday, 7 September.

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Sunday 3 August

At the All Age Messy Eucharist

Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

At Evensong

1 Maccabees 3.1-12

Then his son Judas, who was called Maccabeus, took command in his place. All his brothers and all who had joined his father helped him; they gladly fought for Israel.

He extended the glory of his people.

Like a giant he put on his breastplate;  
he bound on his armour of war and waged battles,

protecting the camp by his sword.

He was like a lion in his deeds,

like a lion's cub roaring for prey.

He searched out and pursued those who broke the law;

he burned those who troubled his people.

Lawbreakers shrank back for fear of him;

all the evildoers were confounded;

and deliverance prospered by his hand.

He embittered many kings,

but he made Jacob glad by his deeds,

and his memory is blessed for ever.

He went through the cities of Judah;

he destroyed the ungodly out of the land;

thus he turned away wrath from Israel.

He was renowned to the ends of the earth;

he gathered in those who were perishing.

Apollonius now gathered together Gentiles

and a large force from Samaria to fight against Israel. When Judas learned of it, he went out to meet him, and he defeated and killed him. Many were wounded and fell, and the rest fled. Then they seized their spoils; and Judas took the sword of Apollonius, and used it in battle for the rest of his life.

2 Peter 1.1-15

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants in the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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