



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

13th July 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

*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**
Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron, Chaplain of Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Karen Turner, formerly Vicar of South Mymms and Ridge

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30 vv 9-14 *God's people are to love God and keep his commandments.*

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1 vv 1-14 *Paul prays that we may walk worthy of Jesus Christ, who has reconciled men to God.*

Gospel: Luke 10 vv 25-37 *Jesus illustrates the commandment "to love your neighbour as yourself" with the Parable of the Good Samaritan.*

Hymns: 390, 367, 338, 279, 477

5.00pm **EVENSONG** **Hymns:** 452, 436, 251

This week's flowers have been arranged by Jessica Hollings

The Week Ahead

Tuesday **St Swithun, bishop**
No Morning Prayer today
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron
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
No Evening Prayer today

Friday 9.30am Morning Prayer
No Evening Prayer today

Next Sunday is the **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Alec Corio, Rector of St Mary the Virgin, East Barnet

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
Celebrant & Preacher: The Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford

The readings next Sunday will be: Genesis 18 vv 1-10a; Colossians 1 vv 15-28 and Luke 10 vv 38-42.



Parish Notices

Church cleaning will take place on **Tuesday 22nd July** from 10.00am to 12 noon. If you are able to lend a hand, if only for a short while, that would be much appreciated.

Our **Open Gardens Day** is 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*

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.

Our **prayer lists for the sick** have now been updated. Please do indicate on the noticeboard if any names should be re-instated or added. Thank you.

The **60+ Lunch Club** at Wyllyotts Centre is in urgent need of additional volunteer drivers and helpers. If you are able to spare 2 hours a week, or even be available on a standby basis, this would be greatly appreciated. If you think you may be able to help, or for further information, please contact Lindsey on 01707 643602.

Future dates to note in your diaries:

- **Sunday 7th September** – Patronal Festival with lunch in church hall following 10.00am Festival Eucharist
- **Friday 3rd October – Sunday 5th October** – Parish Retreat to Worth Abbey – further details soon
- **Sunday 12th October** – Harvest Festival with lunch in the church hall following 10.00am Family Eucharist
- **Saturday 22nd November** – Quiz Night in church hall

For your prayers

The sick Elizabeth Liney, Françoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Dawn Cruickshank, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Daren Ellis, Tessa Buckingham, Diane Christy, Linda, Pauline Phillips, Carlos Perez

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

The recently departed Tom Morley, Peggy Tomlin, Rose West, Chere Hunter, Sheila Mackay, Andrea Constantinou

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week
Avis Smith, Ronald North, Fr Peter Tabernacle, Reginald Dare,

Our parish We remember those who live in Brookes Place, Byers Close and Byng Drive

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

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COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying, The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Or Amos 7:7-end

PSALM Psalm 25:1-10

R Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness,
O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord,
be merciful to my sin, for it is great. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the

Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

