



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

10th August 2025

The Eighth 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**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*We welcome **The Revd Philip Green**,
Associate Priest at St Peter's London Colney,
as our celebrant and preacher this morning*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15 vv 1-6 *Abram believes in God's promise that he will have an heir, even when there is no tangible evidence.*

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11 vv 1-3, 8-16 *The writer speaks of the nature and power of faith which steeled the saints of old in their search for the Heavenly City.*

Gospel: Luke 12 vv 32-40 *Jesus tells us what is to be put first in life, and bids us live prepared and ready for His coming, like servants waiting to welcome home their master.*

Hymns: 15, 493, 381, 294, 333

5.00pm **EVENSONG** **Hymns:** 365, 406, 437

*This week's flowers have been donated by John & Trisha Salmon
and arranged by Trisha*

The Week Ahead

Monday 10.30am St Mary's Friendship Group meets at the Oakmere Tea Rooms

Tuesday

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

3.30pm Greenhill care home service

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

Friday *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday is the **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Philip Green

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Karen Turner

The readings next Sunday will be: Jeremiah 23 vv 23-29;
Hebrews 11 v 29 – 12 v 2 and Luke 12 vv 49-56.

Parish Notices

The Friendship Group meets **tomorrow** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms in the High Street. All are welcome.

Our Patronal Festival will be on **Sunday 7th September**, the day we welcome back Fr Stefan. After the 10.00am service, there will be a Bring & Share Lunch in the church hall. If you would like to attend this lunch, please sign the list on the notice board, indicating what you are able to bring in the way of food to share (savoury or sweet). If you would prefer just to make a monetary donation, you can indicate that on the sheet as well.

Annual Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike - **Saturday 13th September**, 9.00am to 5.00pm. We need volunteers to welcome visitors to the church. Please sign the rota on the noticeboard if you can help. It would be good if two people could cover each hour slot. Many thanks to those who have already signed up to help.

The **Parish Retreat** to Worth Abbey near Crawley takes place from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October**. This is a special opportunity to grow in your spiritual life. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard.

Volunteers are needed to organise the 'light supper' for the **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 22nd November**. Please speak to Richard if you can help.

For your prayers

The sick Elizabeth Liney, Janet Daniels, Betty Tucker, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Carlos Perez, Tessa, Maureen Alderman, Dawn Cruickshank, Daren Ellis, Linda, Alison Stevens, Diane Christy, Fr Martin Banister

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

The recently departed James Turley, Susan Anayiotos, Patrick Hastings, Tessa Buckingham, Brian Livesley

Anniversaries of death this week John Gamby, David Daniels, Hazel Thurgood, Louise Street, Johannes Pormann, Violet Goldfinch, Fr Cecil Charlton (*Vicar 1956-1980*), Fr Gareth Randall (*Honorary Assistant Priest 1998-2007*)

Our parish We remember those who live in Coningsby Drive, Coopers Lane and Coopers Lane Road

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

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COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and
bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram
in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I
am your shield; your reward shall be very
great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD,
what will you give me, for I continue
childless, and the heir of my house is
Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, and
so a slave born in my house is to be my
heir." But the word of the LORD came
to him, "This man shall not be your heir;
no one but your very own issue shall be
your heir." The Lord brought Abraham
outside and said, "Look toward heaven
and count the stars, if you are able
to count them." Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be." And
he believed the LORD; and the LORD
reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Or Isaiah 1:1. 10-20

PSALM Psalm 33:12-end [or 33:12-21]

R *The earth is full of the loving-kindness
of the Lord.*

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his
own.

The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth. **R**

From where he sits enthroned he turns
his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.
He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works. **R**

No king is saved by the might of his
host;

no warrior delivered by his great
strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save. **R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his
steadfast love,
To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be
upon us,
as we have set our hope on you. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16

*A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped
for, the conviction of things not seen.
Indeed, by faith our ancestors received
approval. By faith we understand that
the worlds were prepared by the word
of God, so that what is seen was made
from things that are not visible. By faith
Abraham obeyed when he was called to
set out for a place that he was to receive
as an inheritance; and he set out, not
knowing where he was going. By faith he
stayed for a time in the land he had been
promised, as in a foreign land, living in
tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were
heirs with him of the same promise. For
he looked forward to the city that has
foundations, whose architect and builder
is God. By faith he received power of
procreation, even though he was too
old – and Sarah herself was barren –
because he considered him faithful
who had promised. Therefore from one
person, and this one as good as dead,
descendants were born, "as many as the
stars of heaven and as the innumerable
grains of sand by the seashore." All
of these died in faith without having
received the promises, but from a
distance they saw and greeted them.
They confessed that they were strangers
and foreigners on the earth, for people
who speak in this way make it clear
that they are seeking a homeland. If
they had been thinking of the land that

they had left behind, they would have
had opportunity to return. But as it is,
they desire a better country, that is,
a heavenly one. Therefore God is not
ashamed to be called their God; indeed,
he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be
afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Sell your possessions, and give alms.
Make purses for yourselves that do not
wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven,
where no thief comes near and no moth
destroys. For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also. Be dressed
for action and have your lamps lit; be like
those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet, so
that they may open the door for him as
soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed
are those slaves whom the master finds
alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he
will fasten his belt and have them sit
down to eat, and he will come and serve
them. If he comes during the middle of
the night, or near dawn, and finds them
so, blessed are those slaves. But know
this: if the owner of the house had known
at what hour the thief was coming, he
would not have let his house be broken
into. You also must be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an unexpected
hour."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and
dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed
with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

