

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

24th August 2025

The Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle

*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** from the Reserved Sacrament

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*We welcome **The Revd Canon Teresa Wynne**, formerly Team Rector of Cheshunt, as our celebrant and preacher*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43 vv 8-13 *Israel is to attest before all nations God's goodness to her.*

New Testament Reading: Acts 5 vv 12-16 *The apostles exercise a powerful healing ministry in Jerusalem and their reputation grows.*

Gospel: Luke 22 vv 24-30 *There is no great kudos, no high status to be found in following Jesus.*

Hymns: 216, 179, 378, 374, 56 (omit v 4)

5.00pm **EVENSONG** Hymns: 457, 391, 321

This week's flowers have been arranged by Pearl Shepherd and donated by Angela Thorne in memory of her husband Peter

The Week Ahead

Tuesday

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday **St Monica, mother of St Augustine of Hippo**

9.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Hugh Wikner

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
7.00pm – 10.00pm Hertfordshire Chorus rehearsal in church

Thursday **St Augustine, bishop & teacher of the faith**

9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

Friday **Beheading of St John the Baptist**

5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday is the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant at both services : The Revd Canon Kevin Walton,
Canon Chancellor of St Albans Cathedral*

The Eucharist readings will be: Proverbs 25 vv 6-7;
Hebrews 13 vv 1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14 vv 1, 7-14.

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

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Parish Notices

I am grateful to **Archie Hadfield** who will be giving the homily at Evensong today. After the service, we will serve drinks to wish Archie well as he prepares to begin the Ministry Experience scheme in Hatfield next month. *Richard*

The next recital will be given by Pavlos Triantaris and Marily Kritikou (organ & soprano) on **Tuesday 2nd September** at 12.30pm. Lunches will be available both before and after the recital, from 12 noon onwards.

Our Patronal Festival is on **Sunday 7th September**, the day we welcome back Fr Stefan. After the 10.00am Festival Eucharist, 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 (savory 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.

Geoff Foster is taking part in the bike ride and would be grateful for sponsors. The money he raises will be shared between the Trust and St Mary's.

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.

Other dates to note in your diaries:

- **Sunday 12th October – Harvest Festival**, with a Bring & Share Lunch following the 10.00am Family Eucharist
- **Saturday 22nd November – Quiz Night** in the hall at 7.00pm. If you could help with organizing the 'light supper' for this popular event, please speak to Richard

Could **Watchers & Welcomers** please let Heather Hawkes have a note of any dates when they will be unavailable during October and November. Many thanks.

For your prayers

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

We also pray for 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, Dave Gough

The recently departed Patrick Hastings, Roger Collor

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Jean Foster, Alan Olney, Michael Wormald, Margaret Clinnick, Esther Salaman

Our parish We remember those who live and work in Darkes Lane, Dove Lane and Elmroyd Avenue



THE FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43 vv 8–13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

PSALM 145 vv 1–8

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R**

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **R**

They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness.

They shall pour forth the story your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. **R**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 5 vv 12–16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

GOSPEL READING Luke 22 vv 24–30

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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.**