



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

3rd August 2025

The Seventh 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 & Preacher: The Revd Alec Corio,
Rector of St Mary the Virgin, East Barnet*

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

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

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1 vv 2, 12-14; 2 vv 18-23 *The writer questions the meaning of human existence and the good which one can find in life.*

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3 vv 1-11 *In the new life in Christ, the believer must put aside worldly vices and aspire to heavenly virtues.*

Gospel: Luke 12 vv 13-21 *Jesus speaks about money and possessions. All that we have is allowed to us by God and is to be used in His service.*

Hymns: 334, 480, 339, 272, 413

*This week's flowers have been arranged by Pearl Shepherd
and donated by Brenda Webb in memory of her husband Robert*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday

St Oswald, king and martyr

12.30pm Recital by Sally Quantrill &
Lydia Bosworth (*flute and piano*)

Coffee, tea & biscuits after recital (no lunches this month)

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

9.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron

10.15am – 12 noon Church cleaning

1.30pm Funeral of Tom Morley at St
Thomas, Northaw

Thursday

9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

Friday

St Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers

5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday is the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrant & Preacher at both services: The Revd Philip Green

5.00pm Evensong

The Eucharist readings will be: Genesis 15 vv 1-6;
Hebrews 11 vv 1-3, 8-16 and Luke 12 vv 32-40.

Parish Notices

Please note: during August, there will only be 9.30am services on Wednesdays & Thursdays and 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Tuesdays & Fridays.

Church cleaning will take place **this Wednesday** from 10.15am to 12 noon. If you are able to lend a hand, if only for a short while, that would be much appreciated.

The Friendship Group will meet on **Monday 11th August** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms in the High Street.

Our Patronal Festival will be on **Sunday 7th September** when 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).

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.

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.

Last weekend's Open Gardens Day raised **£185** for church funds. Many thanks again to those who opened their gardens to visitors.

Many thanks to our Children's Society boxholders. **£163.14** was raised at the recent box opening.

Elizabeth Liney wishes to thank everyone for their prayers. She is very grateful for the improvement in her health and asks us to keep praying for her.

For your prayers

The sick Elizabeth Liney, Janet Daniels, Betty Tucker, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Carlos Perez, Tessa, Maureen Alderman, Dawn Cruickshank, Linda, Alison Stevens, Daren Ellis, Diane Christy, Pauline Phillips, Canon 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 Tom Morley, Gloria Mann, James Turley, Tessa Buckingham, Steven Hodges, Ann Kerswell

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Robert Webb, Walter Schofield, Fr Frederick Perkins OGS, John Hart, Christine Twilley, Fred Girling, Roy Jones, Pauline Thangiah

Our parish We remember those who live in Chauncey Avenue, Cherry Tree Lane and The Close

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

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Sunday

3 August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your
name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in 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.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Or **Hosea 11:1-11**

PSALM Psalm 49:1-12 [or 49:1-9] 

R *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all you that dwell in the world,
You of low or high degree,
both rich and poor together. **R**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on
understanding.
I will incline my ear to a parable;
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. **R**

Why should I fear in evil days,
when the malice of my foes surrounds
me,
Such as trust in their goods
and glory in the abundance of their
riches?
For no one can indeed ransom another
or pay to God the price of deliverance. **R**

To ransom a soul is too costly;
there is no price one could pay for it,
So that they might live for ever,
and never see the grave.
For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they
perish
and leave their riches to others. **R**

Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through all generations,
though they call their lands after their
own names.
Those who have honour, but lack
understanding,
are like the beasts that perish. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have

clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "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 the crowd, "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."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may
live:
may we so receive within ourselves the
power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his
glory and be made perfect in his
love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

