

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

7th September 2025

The Blessed Virgin Mary

A warm welcome to St Mary's for our **Patronal Festival** especially if this is your first time here.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST** including the Baptism of **Arabelle Almé Burks**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61 vv 10-11 *The prophet echoes the words that will be used by Mary.*

New Testament Reading: Galatians 4 vv 4-7 *St Paul reminds us that we are the children of God.*

Gospel: Luke 1 vv 46-56 *Mary visits her relative Elizabeth. Both mothers-to-be praise the God active in their lives, recognising their role in His plan of salvation.*

Hymns: 188 (omit * verses), 161, 185, 297, 485

Choir items: Responsorial Magnificat – Miller
Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary - Wood

The service will be followed by lunch in the church hall

*Our flowers this week have been arranged by
Pearl Shepherd, Trisha Salmon and Jessica Hollings*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant: Fr Tristan Chapman, Team Rector of Chipping Barnet
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
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 9.00am St John's School start of term service
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Saturday *St John Chrysostom, bishop & teacher of the faith*
9am – 5pm Church open to welcome visitors on Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike
11.00am Holy Baptism – Blakely Stevens

Next Sunday is Holy Cross Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
5.00pm Evensong

Next Sunday's Eucharist readings are: Numbers 21 vv 4-9; Philippians 2 vv 6-11 and John 3 vv 13-17.

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Parish Notices

Welcome back to Fr Stefan and Meryl following Fr Stefan's period of extended study leave. It is good to be keeping our Patronal Festival today and to celebrate with Ciaran and Millicent Burks on the occasion of the baptism of their baby daughter Arabelle Almé. The Bring and Share Lunch in the church hall will follow after the usual tea, coffee and biscuits are served in the church.

This Wednesday, there is a Carers Coffee Morning in our church hall from 10.00am to 12 noon, organised by the Friends of Parkfield Medical Centre. This is a free event for all carers, with tea, coffee and biscuits.

This Friday, the Potters Bar Health and Wellbeing Event takes place at the Wyllyotts Centre from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Stalls, talks, taster activities and mini health checks available. All are welcome.

Janice Neal can provide more details on both these events.

Annual Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike - **Next Saturday**, 9.00am to 5.00pm. Many thanks to those who have signed up to help as welcomers on this day.

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 PCC will meet on **Thursday 18th September** at 8.00pm, following a celebration of the Eucharist at 7.30pm.

On **Saturday 27th September**, we are holding a "Play the Organ Year" event from 3.00pm to 5.00pm – an opportunity for anyone to play our organ. Further details are available from Dave Miller.

The St Mary's Friendship Group will meet on **Monday 29th September** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms.

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

For your prayers

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

We also pray for Keith 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

Elizabeth Blankson-Hemans, Roger Collor

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Helena New, Winifred Bigwood

Our parish We remember those who live in Fayerfield, Fenton Close and Fetherstone Close