

News from St Mary's

East Barnet Parish Church

October 2025

Sunday 5 October	10am All Age Messy Eucharist for Harvest 6pm Evensong for Harvest
Saturday 11 October	2:30pm Memorial Service
Sunday 12 October	10am Eucharist for Good Money Sunday 4pm Evensong at St Mary's School
Sunday 19 October	10am Eucharist for Trinity 18 4pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday 26 October	10am Festal Eucharist for the Dedication of St Mary's

If you are a parent who is thinking of applying for a place for your child at St Mary's School - or any church school - then please make sure that you register your attendance at services with the deputy warden on duty each Sunday so that we can help you to provide evidence of regular, frequent church attendance as part of the admissions process.

At our Harvest Festival, we'll be collecting for Chipping Barnet Foodbank. Please bring your Harvest Festival donations along to our 10am and 6pm services on 5 October.

You can also make donations to Chipping Barnet Foodbank using the collection box in the south aisle of church; and you can get involved with our own food distribution work with Barnet Collective on Thursdays.

The Church Choir
rehearses before special
services, on the day.

To join, please
contact the Director of
Music.

If you would like
someone to be named
at our annual Memorial
Service, please contact
Alec or write their name
on the list that will be
available at the back of
church.

Enjoy coffee and cake in
the community halls on
the first Thursday of the
month from 10:30 - 12
noon.

Every Thursday from
12:30pm there are food
parcel packing sessions
in the community halls.

For information, please
contact the Rector.

The Prayer Group meets
at 3pm on Fridays.

For more information
please contact the

Director of Music or
Debbie Windeler
(debbw@talktalk.net).

The Sewing Circle meets
in the community halls
on the second and
fourth Thursdays of the
month from 10am-1pm.

Young Voices rehearses
on
Wednesdays at 4pm.

To join, please
contact the Director of
Music.

Local churches are
working together to
start a youth club,
Rooted Youth.

If you're interested in
coming along, then
please contact Alec.

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Sunday 5 October
All Age Messy Eucharist

John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Evensong

Nehemiah 5.1-13

Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish kin. For there were those who said, 'With our sons and our daughters, we are many; we must get grain, so that we may eat and stay alive.' There were also those who said, 'We are having to pledge our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine.' And there were those who said, 'We are having to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay the king's tax. Now our flesh is the same as that of our kindred; our children are the same as their children; and yet we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have been ravished; we are powerless, and our fields and vineyards now belong to others.'

I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these complaints. After thinking it over, I brought charges against the nobles and the officials; I said to them, 'You are all taking interest from your own people.' And I called a great assembly to deal with them, and said to them, 'As far as we were able, we have bought

back our Jewish kindred who had been sold to other nations; but now you are selling your own kin, who must then be bought back by us!' They were silent, and could not find a word to say. So I said, 'The thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us stop this taking of interest. Restore to them, this very day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the interest on money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.' Then they said, 'We will restore everything and demand nothing more from them. We will do as you say.' And I called the priests, and made them take an oath to do as they had promised. I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, 'So may God shake out everyone from house and from property who does not perform this promise. Thus may they be shaken out and emptied.' And all the assembly said, 'Amen', and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

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