

St Mary the Virgin & All Saints Potters Bar

2nd November 2025

All Saints' Sunday

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

Refreshments are served in the hall after the Festival Eucharist

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM**

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7 vv 1-3, 15-18 *Daniel has a vision of the passing of earthly kingdoms to make way for the kingdom of God.*

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1 vv 11-23 *St Paul explains our wonderful privilege and destiny as the adopted children of God, and the power and glory of Jesus.*

Gospel: Luke 6 vv 20-31 *The Beatitudes proclaim God's favour to those who aspire to live under His rule.*

Hymns: 339, 114, 197, 208, 396

Anthem: Hail, glorious spirits - Tye

3.00pm **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SOULS' DAY**

Our flowers this week have been arranged by Pearl Shepherd and donated by Sue Grey in memory of her husband Steve

The Week Ahead

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

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Recital by Lin Xu-Zhang (piano)
Light lunches available from 12 noon
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday **St Willibrord, bishop**
9.00am St John's School Remembrance Day Service
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Saturday 2.00pm Children's concert rehearsal

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday before Advent, also
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST

10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

5.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Eucharist readings next Sunday will be: Job 19 vv 23-27
2 Thessalonians 2 vv 1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20 vv 27-38.

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Parish Notices

This afternoon at 3.00pm, we have our Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for departed loved ones. All are welcome at this service and to the refreshments afterwards.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Please remember that the Parish Eucharist is at 9.30am. This will be followed by the War Memorial ceremony.

Church cleaning will take place on **Tuesday 13th November** from 10.00am to 12 noon. If you can spare an hour to help, the cleaning team will be very grateful.

Our **Quiz Night** is on **Saturday 22nd November** at 7.00pm in the hall. Please sign up for tickets (£12, including light supper) on the noticeboard as soon as possible, as places are filling up quickly. It would be most helpful if you could pay for your tickets in advance – either by cash or by bank transfer. Thank you.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the **Bishops' Harvest Appeal** for schools in Uganda and Zambia. Thanks to your generosity, we will be sending a donation of **£1,338.29** (including Gift Aid).

Jenny Ruddle would like to thank those who bought jigsaws in the hall last Sunday. **£76.50** was raised for the Children's Society.

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Elizabeth Liney, Jean Cotton, Jenny Blumson, Marion North, Joan Golden, Carlos Perez, Daren Elis, Maureen Alderman, Linda, Alison Stevens, Diane Christy, Cynthia Moorman, Sergio Lever, Bob Keefe, Gill Efstathiou

We also pray for Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Janet Daniels, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Ron Golden, Susan North, Harry Hadfield, Valerie Taylor, Tessa, Sasha Burt, Nicola Stiff, Ricky Mella, Keith Probert, Betty Lockton, David Evans, Richard Barnes, Dave Gough, Pauline Phillips

The recently departed Dawn Cruickshank, Va Maughan

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Margaret Whitting, The Revd Henry Watkins (*Vicar 1835-89*), Peter Onley, Robert Smeal, Betty Barber, Doris Snook, Rex Clarke, Samuel Mensah, Dorothy Forbes

Our parish We remember those who live in Holly Drive, Honeywood Close and Hunter Close

Please send any items for this sheet to **Richard Osborn**

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If you would like to receive the **weekly email bulletin** which is sent out every Saturday, you can sign up by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/b6dz2ap3>

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed
saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who
truly love you;
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 Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever."

PSALM Psalm 149

R *Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.*

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of
the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their
king. **R**

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel
and lyre.

For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation. **R**

Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands; **R**

To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement
decreed;
such honour have all his faithful servants.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,

not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

