

St Mary the Virgin & All Saints Potters Bar

26th October 2025

The Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

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

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 Prebendary Guy
Pope, formerly Vicar of St Paul, New Southgate and
St Mary, Brookfield*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45 vv 22-25 *The prophet
Isaiah perceived that God's kingdom was not confined to the Jews
alone.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 15 vv 1-6 *The scriptures
were written for our instruction and encouragement.*

Gospel: Luke 4 vv 16-24 *Jesus teaches in the synagogue in
Nazareth. He is the living Word who expounds the word.*

Hymns: 342, 407, 438, 391, 486

5.00pm **EVENSONG** **Hymns:** 240, 35, 106

*Our flowers this week have been donated by David & Stephanie
Maughan for their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend
and in memory of their sister-in-law Va
and have been arranged by Stephanie*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	St Simon & St Jude, Apostles
9.30am	Morning Prayer
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
12 noon	Knit & Natter Group meets in the choir vestry
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion
	<i>Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron</i>
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	9.30am Morning Prayer
	5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday	10.00am All Souls' Requiem Eucharist

Next Sunday we celebrate **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM**

Guest Preacher: The Revd Karen Turner

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

The Eucharist readings will be: Daniel 7 vv 1-3, 15-18;
Ephesians 1 vv 11-23 and Luke 6 vv 20-31.

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Parish Notices

Today, during coffee time in the hall after the Parish Eucharist, there will be a sale of jigsaws in aid of the Children's Society.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

A **Requiem Eucharist for All Souls** will take place **next Saturday at 10.00am**. If you wish names to be remembered at this service, please let Richard know by email or phone. Names to be submitted by **lunchtime this Friday**.

Next Sunday we will keep the **Feast of All Saints** at our 8.00am and 10.00am Eucharists. The Revd Karen Turner will be our guest preacher at 10.00am.

Our annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving is **next Sunday** (All Souls' Day itself) at **3.00pm** - a service of hymns & prayers to which the relatives of all those whose funeral Fr Stefan or Richard has taken during the past two years are being invited. If you can help with **providing cakes** for the refreshments, please sign the list on the noticeboard

Please note: only names of those whose funerals have taken place over the last two years will be read out at this afternoon service.

The Friendship Group will meet on **Monday 3rd November** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms. All welcome.

There will be a recital on **Tuesday 4th November** at 12.30pm when we will welcome pianist Lin Xu-Zhang. Light lunches will be served before and after the recital.

Remembrance Sunday is **Sunday 9th November**. Please note that the Parish Eucharist is at 9.30am on that day. This will be followed by the War Memorial ceremony.

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.

Watchers & Welcomers Please let Heather Hawkes have any holiday dates during December and January.

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Elizabeth Liney, Jean Cotton, Jenny Blumson, Marion North, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Carlos Perez, Daren Elis, Maureen Alderman, Dawn Cruickshank, Linda, Alison Stevens, Diane Christy, Cynthia Moorman, Sergio Lever, Bob Keefe, Gill Efsthathiou

We also pray for Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Janet Daniels. 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 Vao'fua (Va) Maughan

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Margaret Dare, Marjorie Roberts, Tony Moore, Geoffrey Embleton, Keith Anthony Downes, Michael Whittle, Rhoda King, Brian Warren, Joseph Parsons, Annie Jubb

Our parish We remember those who live or work in Hill Crest, Hill Rise and Hollies Way

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

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COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast the hope of everlasting
life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:22-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Turn to me
and be saved, all the ends of the
earth! For I am God, and there is
no other. By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in
righteousness a word that shall not
return: "To me every knee shall
bow, every tongue shall swear."
Only in the LORD, it shall be said
of me, are righteousness and
strength; all who were incensed
against him shall come to him and
be ashamed. In the LORD all the
offspring of Israel shall triumph
and glory.

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *The opening of your word
gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives
light;
it gives understanding to the
simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my
breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have
dominion over me.

Redeem me from earthly
oppressors
so that I may keep your
commandments. **R**

Show the light of your
countenance upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of
water,
because the wicked do not keep
your law. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:1-6

*A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Romans.*

We who are strong ought to put
up with the failings of the weak,
and not to please ourselves.
Each of us must please our
neighbour for the good purpose
of building up the neighbour.
For Christ did not please himself;
but, as it is written, "The insults
of those who insult you have
fallen on me." For whatever
was written in former days was
written for our instruction, so
that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures
we might have hope. May the
God of steadfastness and
encouragement grant you to live
in harmony with one another, in
accordance with Christ Jesus, so
that together you may with one
voice glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 4:16-24

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

When Jesus came to Nazareth,
where he had been brought up,
he went to the synagogue on the

sabbath day, as was his custom.
He stood up to read, and the
scroll of the prophet Isaiah was
given to him. He unrolled the
scroll and found the place where
it was written: "The Spirit of the
Lord is upon me, because he
has anointed me to bring good
news to the poor. He has sent
me to proclaim release to the
captives and recovery of sight to
the blind, to let the oppressed
go free, to proclaim the year of
the Lord's favour." And he rolled
up the scroll, gave it back to the
attendant, and sat down. The eyes
of all in the synagogue were fixed
on him. Then he began to say to
them, "Today this scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing."
All spoke well of him and were
amazed at the gracious words that
came from his mouth. They said,
"Is not this Joseph's son?" He
said to them, "Doubtless you will
quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor,
cure yourself!' And you will say,
'Do here also in your home town
the things that we have heard you
did at Capernaum.'" And he said,
"Truly I tell you, no prophet is
accepted in the prophet's home
town."

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the
hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living
bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.



The op'-ning of your word gives light.