



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

11th January 2026

The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)

*A warm welcome to St Mary's,
especially if this is your first time here.
Please stay for refreshments after the Sung Eucharist*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42 vv 1-9 *Isaiah speaks about the mission of the Divine servant.*

New Testament Reading: Acts 10 vv 34-43 *Peter sums up the gospel, beginning with the baptism of John and ending with the statement that Christ is our Judge.*

Gospel: Matthew 3 vv 13-17 *Jesus is baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.*

Hymns: 12, 58, 55, 280, 413

5.00pm **EVENSONG** **Hymns:** 56 (omit v 4), 57, 252

The Week Ahead

Tuesday *St Hilary, bishop & teacher of the faith*

9.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Society of Catholic Priests Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

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

Friday 9.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm Hertfordshire Chorus rehearsal in church

Next Sunday is the **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

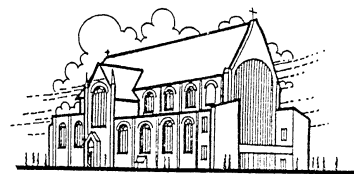
Next Sunday's Eucharist readings are: Isaiah 49 vv 1-7;
1 Corinthians 1 vv 1-9 and John 1 vv 29-42.

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Parish Notices

The next church cleaning session will be on **Thursday 22nd January** from 10.15am to 12 noon. If you can lend a hand on that morning, even if just for an hour, that would be much appreciated.

On **Saturday 24th January**, Barnet Deanery is holding another **Walsingham Day** at Holy Trinity, Lyonsdown, EN5 1JE. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11.15am, followed by lunch (please bring packed lunch; drinks provided). Ministry of healing & Benediction will then follow at 1.00pm. If you want more details about this event, please ask Fr Stefan or Richard. Transport can be provided.

Please could **Children's Society collecting boxes** be returned to church by Sunday 25th January. Thank you.

A new **flower rota** is on the noticeboard. Please sign up for Sundays when you can help to arrange the flowers or for a Sunday near to a special date for you when you would be willing to make a donation towards their cost.

Thank you for the generous response to our Christmas collections. We will be sending **over £930** to each of our nominated charities – Herts Young Homeless and the Isabel Hospice.

Ladbroke School is looking for governors to join its governing board. This is an opportunity to support the school and the children and young people in our community. Governors have 3 core functions - planning the strategic direction of the school; overseeing financial performance of the school; holding the headteacher or school leadership to account. If you are interested, please contact Phil Cunningham (Chair of Governors): tel. 01707 652882. Email: admin@ladbrooke.herts.sch.uk

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Valerie Taylor, Elizabeth Liney, Joan Golden, Carlos Perez, Lisa Collins, Linda, Daren Elis, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Bob Keefe, Lindsey Lyons, Steven Seal

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

The recently departed David Burrows, Marion North, Roy Welch, Pamela Darke, Kit Naylor, Ann Bainbridge

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week
Bill Fox, Christine Moore, Minnie Bridge

Our parish We remember those who live in Park Drive, Parkfield View and Parkside

Our livestreamed services are available at:
www.facebook.com/stmaryspb

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

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
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 Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;

in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We

are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-end

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

