

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

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

Please stay for refreshments after the Sung Eucharist.

OUR SERVICES TODAY

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading : Isaiah 50 vv 4-9a *The prophet provides a foretaste of the Cross combined with a touch of confidence in God's ultimate redemption.*

New Testament Reading : Philippians 2 vv 5-11 *St Paul speaks of Jesus' humility, suffering and ultimate triumph.*

Gospel: Matthew 21 vv 1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem and is hailed by many as Messiah.*

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

The service begins in Parkfield Medical Centre car park with the Liturgy of Palms.

*In the Passion Gospel, the whole congregation joins in with the words **in bold** in the service sheet.*

Hymns in church: 465, 425, 305, 439

Anthem: Ave Verum – Saint-Saens

5.00pm **EVENSONG** Hymns: 96, 82, 90

Preacher: Nick Alexander, Reader at Christ Church, Little Heath

The Week Ahead

Please do try to take part in the Holy Week drama, by joining us for the services this week. More details about the programme are available in the separate leaflet.

Monday 10.00am Holy Communion & short address
Preacher: Fr Stefan

8.00pm Address and Compline
Preacher: Archie Hadfield

Tuesday 10.00am Holy Communion & short address
Preacher: Archie Hadfield

12 noon Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Knit & Natter Group meets in the choir vestry

8.00pm Address and Compline
Preacher: Richard

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion & short address
Preacher: Richard

10.40am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

8.00pm Address and Compline
Preacher: Fr Stefan

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.00am Chrism Eucharist at St Albans Cathedral

8.00pm THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY
followed by Passion Watch until 10.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10.45am Walk of Witness from St Mary's to the War Memorial where there will be a short ecumenical service at 11.00am

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

1.30pm THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

7.00pm **Stainer's Crucifixion** at the URC
(sung by the Good Friday Choir)

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY

6.30am Churches Together Dawn Service with Holy Communion, followed by breakfast in hall

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am FESTIVAL SUNG EUCHARIST

Parish Notices

For our **Lent sacrificial giving**, we are supporting the Church Urban Fund. Donations can be made using the yellow Gift Aid envelopes or by bank transfer which should be marked "Lent Giving".

The next recital is on **Tuesday 7th April** when we will be joined by Catherine Wilmers & Jill Morton (cello & piano). Light lunches will be served from 12 noon.

If you are a regular worshipper here, please do consider joining our **Electoral Roll** which is being revised during April in preparation for our Annual Meeting on Sunday 17th May. Please ask Sue Grey or Richard for an application form - only new applicants need to complete a form this year. Forms to be returned by 26th April.

Could **Watchers and Welcomers** please give any holiday dates for May and June to Heather Hawkes?

Anne Holt is standing down as our **Children's Society** representative. We thank her for her work and her commitment to this good cause. Could you take her place? There are details of what is involved in the weekly email bulletin – or do have a word with Anne.

For your prayers

The sick Margaret Terry, Anna Downes, Carole Waller, Elizabeth Wiseman, Valerie Taylor, Elizabeth Liney, Joan Golden, Robert Peters, Françoise Groves-de-Milleret, Lisa Collins, Henry, Linda, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Robert Wikner

We also pray for Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Janet Daniels, Susan North, Julia, Tessa, Nicola Stiff, Ron Golden, Ricky Mella, Sasha Burt, David Evans, Richard Barnes, Dave Gough, Pauline Phillips, Keith Probert, Prussia Blake, Charlotte, Steven Seal

The recently departed

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Kenneth Rutherford Davis, Nigel Hickson, Anne Jarman, Fr Francis Deane (Vicar 1890-1900), Doris Heanes, Edgar Brown, George Coverdale

Those preparing for Holy Matrimony Christopher Brennan and Lottie Rae Zimmermann-Moles

Our parish We remember those who live in View Road, Wagon Road and The Walk

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of
his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end (or 118:19-24)

R *This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness;
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us as we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 (or 31:9-18)

R *Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.*

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake." **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PASSION

Either Matthew 26:14 – end of 27

Or Matthew 27:11-54

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

