



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

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

Please stay for refreshments after the Family Eucharist.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am SAID EUCHARIST

10.00am FAMILY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2 vv 1-10 *In the preservation of Moses we see a parallel of the life of the Christ Child preserved from Herod.*

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3 vv 12-17 *St Paul exhorts us to live in close union with our Lord and gives practical advice for a Christian way of life.*

Gospel: John 19 vv 25-27 *We stand with Mary at the foot of the cross as she watches her son close to death.*

Hymns: 413, 394, 285, 63, 186

Anthem: Ave Maria – Malcolm Archer

The daffodils for the Mothering Sunday posies have been donated by Elizabeth Liney in memory of her father William Jubb

The Week Ahead

Monday 10.30am St Mary's Friendship Group meets at the Oakmere Tea Rooms
8.00pm Lent study group

Tuesday *St Patrick, bishop & missionary*
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
12 noon Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
5.00pm Evening Prayer

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

Thursday *St Joseph of Nazareth*
9.30am Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.15am Lent study group
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday *St Cuthbert, bishop & missionary*
9.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Stations of the Cross
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Saturday 7.30pm Potters Bar Choral Society concert *(details in next column)*

Next Sunday is PASSION SUNDAY (Lent 5)

8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
5.00pm 'The Cross of Christ' – a service of music and readings for Passiontide – at **King Charles the Martyr Church** (No Evensong at St Mary's)

Next week's Eucharist readings are: Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14; Romans 8 vv 6-11 and John 11 vv 1-45.

Parish Notices

Lent study groups continue to meet at church on Monday evenings at 8.00pm and Thursday mornings at 10.15am after the 9.30am Eucharist. All are welcome, even if you have missed the earlier sessions.

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".

If you are interested in taking part in the **dramatized reading of the Passion Gospel** on Palm Sunday, please let Richard know.

Potters Bar Choral Society will be performing Mozart's Requiem and two works by Haydn here **next Saturday** at 7.30pm. Please see the poster and flyers or ask Dave Miller for more details.

The Knit & Natter Group will meet in the choir vestry on **Tuesday 31st March** at 12 noon.

Easter Lilies If you would like a lily in memory of a departed relative or friend at Easter, please enclose their name(s) in an envelope (in a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer) with **£1.50** for each lily. Please give the envelope to Richard or Pearl by **NEXT SUNDAY**. As usual, the names of our loved ones will be displayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Looking ahead there will be a Confirmation Eucharist here on **Sunday 10th May** with Bishop Rob Wickham, an Assistant Bishop in the diocese. If you are interested in being confirmed, please have a word with Fr Stefan.

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

Catherine Follett wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for her aunt Betty Lockton who died last week in New Zealand. Betty's family is very grateful for the prayers.

For your prayers

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

We give thanks for the improvement in the health of Bob Keefe

The recently departed Sylvia Pope, Winifred Garvey, Evans Gordon, Marie Jubb, Betty Lockton, Philip McDonough

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week Charles Knight, Rosalind Clarke, Kate Schofield, Edgar Palfrey, William Jubb, Leslie Flower, William Byrne, Ronnie Stokes, Kathleen Warnes, Cyril Waterlow

Our parish We remember those who live in Tavistock Close, Tempest Avenue and Thaynesfield

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Epistle – Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel – John 19: 25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

MAIN HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

SUNDAY 29th MARCH at 10am – PALM SUNDAY EUCHARIST with PALM PROCESSION and READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL at 8pm – MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL at 12.30pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
1.30pm – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

SATURDAY 4th APRIL at 8pm – THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

SUNDAY 5th APRIL at 10am – EASTER DAY FAMILY EUCHARIST

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