



**St Mary the Virgin and All Saints  
Potters Bar**

**26th April 2026**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

*Refreshments are served in the hall after the Sung Eucharist.  
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.*

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

First Reading: Acts 2 vv 42-47 *St Luke describes the life of the first Christians.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2 vv 19-25 *In a passage addressed to slaves, St Peter writes that the Christian servant must have respect even for harsh and unjust masters.*

Gospel: John 10 vv 1-10 *Jesus speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd*

**Hymns:** 374, 369, 376, 459, 390

5.00pm **EVENSONG (BCP)** **Hymns:** 106, 163, 331

*Our flowers this week have been arranged by Jessica Hollings and donated by Brenda Camp in memory of her husband Paul*

**The Week Ahead**

**Monday** 10.30am Friendship Group meets at the Oakmere Tea Rooms – all welcome

**Tuesday** 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** *St Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith*  
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** *St Philip & St James, apostles*  
9.30am Morning Prayer  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

**Saturday** 8.30am Churches Together Prayers at St John's Methodist Church  
1.45pm Deanery Bluebell Pilgrimage at Gobions Wood

**Next Sunday** is the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Our readings next Sunday will be: Acts 7 vv 55-60;  
1 Peter 2 vv 2-10 and John 14 vv 1-14.

**Parish Notices**

**TODAY** is the final opportunity to join our **Electoral Roll** before our Annual Meeting next month. Please ask Sue Grey or Richard for an application form. Only new applicants need to complete a form this year.

**Next Saturday** there is a Bluebell Pilgrimage at Gobions Wood from 1.45pm. Further details on the noticeboard.

The next recital on **Tuesday 5th May** at 12.30pm will be given by Fumi Otsuki & Eri Yamamoto (violin & piano). Light lunches will be served from 12 noon.

A Dementia Awareness session is being held in our church hall on **Thursday 7th May** from 10.30am to 12 noon. There is further information on the noticeboard.

Our Confirmation service is on **Sunday 10th May** at 10.00am. After the service, we will enjoy a Bring & Share Lunch in the hall. If you would like to attend this lunch, please sign the list on the notice board, indicating what you are able to bring in the way of food to share or whether you prefer to make a monetary donation.

**Ascension Day** is on **Thursday 14th May**, when there will be a BCP said Eucharist at 9.30am. In the evening, we shall join with friends at King Charles the Martyr Church for a Sung Eucharist – time to be confirmed.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on **Sunday 17th May** after the Sung Eucharist. We will be electing 2 Churchwardens, 3 PCC members and 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Nomination forms are available from Richard. We hope to make the papers for the meeting available next weekend.

Some members of the congregation are running a 5K obstacle course in May to raise money for **Cancer Research UK**, representing St Mary's. If you would like to sponsor them, there is a QR code on the noticeboard or you can make a donation at the following weblink: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-marys-church-potters-bar>

**Watchers & Welcomers** Please let Heather Hawkes know of any dates you cannot manage in June and July.

**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, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Kirsty Edmunds

**We also pray for** Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Janet Daniels, Susan North, Julia, Tessa, Linda, 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** Evelyn Wilkinson, Maureen Skeggs, Margaret Bowers

**Anniversaries of death this week** Julian Byng, Rex Hamer, Fr George Preston (Vicar 1913-1920), Frederick Goldfinch, Cecil Tripp, Helen Smeal, Vic Cotton, Paul Camp

**Our parish** We remember those who live in Abingdon Place, Admiral Gardens and Albemarle Avenue

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**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things  
which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING**

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

**Either Acts 2:42-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Or Genesis 7**

**PSALM Psalm 23**

**R** *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green  
pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who  
trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with  
oil and my cup shall be full.  
Surely goodness and loving mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Either 1 Peter 2:19-end**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Or Acts 2:42-end**

**GOSPEL John 10:1-10**

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

**POST COMMUNION**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to  
be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down  
his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Organ]

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev - er.

**Barnet Deanery Quiet Afternoon  
GOBIONS WOOD, BROOKMAN'S PARK**

# **'Bluebell Pilgrimage'**



## **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- ❖ **A quiet hour or so among the bluebells in Gobions Wood, near Brookmans Park**
- ❖ **Moderate walking, some uneven paths, trip hazards**
- ❖ **BYO poems / drinks / snack / mobile phone**
- ❖ **Meet at 1.45pm in the Car Park on Jonas Way, off Moffats Lane, AL9 7RW (down a short narrow track)**

Just turn up or contact Revd Louise Collins: 07759 283337 / [louise.collins59@hotmail.com](mailto:louise.collins59@hotmail.com)

Further info on location and site at:

<https://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/gobions-wood>