

News from St Mary's

East Barnet Parish Church

May 2026

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| Sunday 3 May | 10am All Age Messy Christingle and Eucharist 6pm Evensong |
| Sunday 10 May | 10am Eucharist for Easter VI <i>followed by Annual Meetings</i> |
| Thursday 14 May | 11am Eucharist for Ascension Day |
| Sunday 17 May | 10am Eucharist for Easter VII 3 pm Messy Church at St Mary's 4pm Contemplative Eucharist |
| Sunday 24 May | 10am Eucharist for Pentecost |
| Sunday 31 May | 10am Eucharist for Trinity Sunday |

Christian Aid week is our most important chance to fundraise for a charity as a church by ... joining the sponsored Freedom Walk in central London on 9 May; sponsoring someone walking the Freedom Walk; joining the Quiz Night at St Mary's on 15 May; or making a donation direct to Christian Aid using this QR code



Christian Aid week 2026

St Mary's wouldn't be here without a committed core of people who pray for the church and give of their time, talents and financial resources. If you'd like to volunteer to help lead St Mary's into a hopeful future then please consider joining the church council - for which there will be elections at the Annual Meetings in May - or contact Alec.

The Church Choir rehearses before Evensong and special services.

To join, please contact the Director of Music.

Enjoy coffee and cake in the community halls on the first Thursday of the month, from 10:30 - 12 noon.

The Prayer Group meets at 3pm on Fridays.

For more information please contact the Director of Music or Debbie Windeler (debbw@talktalk.net).

Join the parish lunch every third Monday of the month at the Prince of Wales, from 1pm.

Young Voices rehearses on Wednesdays at 4pm.

To join, please contact the Director of Music.

Every Thursday from 12:30pm there are food parcel packing sessions in the community halls.

For information, please contact the Rector.

The Sewing Circle meets in the community halls on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10am-1pm.

Spring into Summer with our fabulous concert series, every second Sunday of the month at 3pm.

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Sunday 3 May

At the Eucharist:

Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Questions to talk about

What does it mean to you to be 'at home' with God?

What does it mean to Jesus to be 'in' the Father?

What do we ask Jesus for in our prayers — and

In our way of life—that reflect these relationships?

At Evensong:

Zechariah 4: 1-10

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. What are you, O great mountain?

Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.'

Revelation 21:1-14

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.'

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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