



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

19th April 2026

The Third 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 14a, 36-41 *St Peter concludes his address to the Jews on the Day of Pentecost with a call to repentance.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1 vv 17-23 *St Peter calls us to holiness because of the nature of God, the fact of judgement, and the cost of our redemption – the cross of Christ.*

Gospel: Luke 24 vv 13-35 *On the road to Emmaus, the risen Lord talks to two of his disciples, who recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread.*

Hymns: 63, 443, 375, 124, 362

*Flowers arranged by Pearl Shepherd & Trisha Salmon and
donated by Craig Jones in memory of his mother Irene*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	St Anselm, abbot and archbishop
9.30am	Morning Prayer
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	
9.30am	Said Eucharist
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	St George the Martyr
9.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	
9.00am	St John's School start of term service
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday	St Mark the Evangelist
7.30pm	Hertfordshire Philharmonia concert
	<i>(rehearsal during the afternoon)</i>

Next Sunday is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

5.00pm Evensong (BCP)

The readings next Sunday will be: Acts 2 vv 42-47;
1 Peter 2 vv 19-25 and John 10 vv 1-10.

Parish Notices

The Hertfordshire Philharmonia return to St Mary's **next Saturday** at 7.30pm with a concert of music by Dvorak, Mendelssohn and Grieg. Tickets, priced at £18, will be available on the door, with concession rates for students (£5) and under 16s (£1).

The St Mary's Friendship Group will meet on **Monday 27th April** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms. All are welcome.

The Knit and Natter Group will meet on **Tuesday 28th April** at 12 noon in the choir vestry.

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 available on the poster on the noticeboard. All are welcome.

Our Confirmation service will be on **Sunday 10th May** at 10.00am. After the service, there will be 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 (savoury or sweet). If you would prefer just to make a monetary donation, you can indicate that on the sheet as well.

If you are a regular worshipper here, please do consider joining our **Electoral Roll** which is being revised this month 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 **next Sunday**.

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

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

We give thanks for the improvement in the health of Robert Wikner

The recently departed Evelyn Wilkinson

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Michael Garnham, Herbert Holland, Gwen Thomas

Our parish We remember those who live in Willow Way, Winston Way and Wulstan Park

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**THIS SHEET IS FOR YOU TO KEEP
PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU**

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COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth;
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

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

Either Acts 2:14a. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing
with the eleven, raised his voice and
addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house
of Israel know with certainty that God has
made him both Lord and Messiah, this
Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they
heard this, they were cut to the heart and
said to Peter and to the other apostles,
"Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said
to them, "Repent, and be baptised every
one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so
that your sins may be forgiven; and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the
promise is for you, for your children, and
for all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God calls to him." And he
testified with many other arguments and
exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves
from this corrupt generation." So those
who welcomed his message were baptised,
and that day about three thousand persons
were added.

Or Zephaniah 3:14-end

PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end (or 116:1-7)

R Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my
supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."
How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me? **R**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges
all people impartially according to their
deeds, live in reverent fear during the time
of your exile. You know that you were
ransomed from the futile ways inherited
from your ancestors, not with perishable
things like silver or gold, but with the
precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb
without defect or blemish. He was destined
before the foundation of the world, but was
revealed at the end of the ages for your
sake. Through him you have come to trust
in God, who raised him from the dead and
gave him glory, so that your faith and hope
are set on God. Now that you have purified
your souls by your obedience to the truth
so that you have genuine mutual love, love
one another deeply from the heart. You
have been born anew, not of perishable
but of imperishable seed, through the
living and enduring word of God.

Or Acts 2:14a. 36-41

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

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

On that same day, two of the disciples
were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, and
talking with each other about all these
things that had happened. While they
were talking and discussing, Jesus himself
came near and went with them, but their
eyes were kept from recognising him.
And he said to them, "What are you
discussing with each other while you
walk along?" They stood still, looking
sad. Then one of them, whose name was
Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have taken place there in
these days?" Jesus asked them, "What
things?" They replied, "The things about
Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word before God
and all the people, and how our chief
priests and leaders handed him over to be
condemned to death and crucified him.
But we had hoped that he was the one to
redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this,
it is now the third day since these things
took place. Moreover, some women of
our group astounded us. They were at the
tomb early this morning, and when they
did not find his body there, they came back
and told us that they had indeed seen a
vision of angels who said that he was alive.
Some of those who were with us went to
the tomb and found it just as the women
had said; but they did not see Jesus."
Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish
you are, and how slow of heart to believe
all that the prophets have declared! Was
it not necessary that the Messiah should
suffer these things and then enter into his
glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all
the prophets, he interpreted to them the
things about himself in all the scriptures. As
they came near the village to which they
were going, he walked ahead as if he were
going on. But they urged him strongly,
saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost
evening and the day is now nearly over."
So he went in to stay with them. When he
was at the table with them, he took bread,
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they
recognised Jesus; and he vanished from
their sight. They said to each other, "Were
not our hearts burning within us while he
was talking to us on the road, while he
was opening the scriptures to us?" That
same hour they got up and returned to
Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and
their companions gathered together. They
were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed,
and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they
told what had happened on the road, and
how he had been made known to them in
the breaking of the bread.

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his
disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming
work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

