



## St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

12th April 2026

### The Second 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, 22-32 *St Peter in his address on the Day of Pentecost assures the Jews that Jesus was the Christ foretold by their prophets.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1 vv 3-9 *Because we put our faith in God, we are under the protection of his power and love.*

Gospel: John 20 vv 19-31 *The risen Lord comes to his disciples. Thomas is convinced.*

**Hymns:** 119, 389, 103, 302, 486

5.00pm **EVENSONG** Hymns: 256, 113, 112

*Our Easter flowers were arranged by Pearl Shepherd, Trisha Salmon and Jessica Hollings. Additional flowers this week have been donated by Julian Zerbahs in memory of his mother*

#### The Week Ahead

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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9.30am            | Morning Prayer                  |
|                  | 10.00am           | Church cleaning session         |
|                  | 5.00pm            | Evening Prayer                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.30am            | Said Eucharist                  |
|                  | 10.30am – 12 noon | Church open for visitors        |
|                  | 5.00pm            | Evening Prayer                  |
|                  | 7.30pm            | Said Eucharist                  |
|                  | 8.00pm            | PCC meeting                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9.30am            | Said Eucharist (BCP)            |
|                  | 5.00pm            | Evening Prayer                  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.30am            | Morning Prayer                  |
|                  | 5.00pm            | Evening Prayer (BCP)            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 2.00pm            | Concert by pupils of Anya Kirby |

**Next Sunday** is the **Third Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

The Eucharist readings will be: Acts 2 vv 14a, 36-41;  
1 Peter 1 vv 17-23 and Luke 24 vv 13-35.

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### Parish Notices

While Fr Stefan is on his post-Easter break, it is a great pleasure to welcome back the **Revd Dr Alec Corio**, Rector of St Mary's, East Barnet, to celebrate and preach at our 8.00am Eucharist, and the **Revd Rachel Phillips** to celebrate and preach at our Sung Eucharist.

The next church cleaning session is **this Tuesday** from 10.00am. If you can come along to help for an hour, that would be much appreciated.

The Hertfordshire Philharmonia return to St Mary's on **Saturday 25th April** 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).

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 26th April.

Anne Holt is standing down as our **Children's Society** representative. 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, 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

**The recently departed** Malcolm McCann

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week**  
Sydney West, Lilian Stout, George Twyman, Thora Fensome, Brian Parsons, Doreen Whittle, Leonard Foster, George Forman

**Our parish** We remember those who live and work in Wentworth Close, Whaley Road and White House Road

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

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## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our  
sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice  
and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ  
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. 22-32

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, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21

## PSALM Psalm 16

**R** The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you."  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

Though the idols are legion  
that many run after,  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon  
my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who has given me  
counsel,  
and in the night watches he instructs my  
heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.  
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit  
rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for  
evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Either 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with

an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Or Acts 2:14a. 22-32

## GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

