



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

24th May 2026

The Feast of Pentecost

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

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10am service

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**

First Reading: Acts 2 vv 1-21 *Evidence of God the Holy Spirit in Jesus' disciples is provided by the miraculous translation of the good news of Christ's message into the language of all nations.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 vv 3b-13 *Spiritual gifts are not all of one pattern. They take many forms, but they are the working of God the Holy Spirit in us.*

Gospel: John 20 vv 19-23 *Jesus appears to his disciples after the Resurrection and offers them the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Hymns: 139, 140, 137, 300, 431

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord – Attwood

5.00pm **EVENSONG Hymns:** 342, 138, 245

Our flowers this week have been arranged by Millicent Burks & donated by Liz Perks in memory of her mother, Pamela Gough

The Week Ahead

Tuesday **St Augustine of Canterbury, archbishop**

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

12 noon Knit & Natter Group meets

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron

10.15am – 12 noon Church cleaning session

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 9.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday is TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Philip Green

Readings next Sunday will be: Isaiah 40 vv 12-17, 27-31; 2 Corinthians 13 vv 11-13 and Matthew 28 vv 16-20.

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Parish Notices

Please do look to see if there is a letter for you on the large table at the back of the church. These letters relate to Gift Aid donations to the church during the tax year 2025-26, to help with completing your HMRC tax return.

Church cleaning will take place **this Wednesday** from 10.15am. The small team will be most grateful for some additional help.

The next lunchtime recital will be on **Tuesday 2nd June** at 12.30pm when we welcome organists Francis Eastwood and Peter Almond. Light lunches will be served from 12 noon.

The Feast of **Corpus Christi** (the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion) falls on **Thursday 4th June**. There will be celebrations of the Eucharist on that day at 9.30am (BCP – said) and 8.00pm (sung), when we shall be joined by friends from King Charles the Martyr Church.

Our runners completed their run last Sunday and at the time of writing, nearly **£2,300** has been raised for **Cancer Research UK**. You can still sponsor them by scanning the QR code on the noticeboard or by visiting:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-marys-church-potters-bar>

Elizabeth Liney has now completed her pilgrimage from St Paul's Cathedral to St Albans Cathedral, raising over **£1,700** for the **Isabel Hospice** so far. You can still support her at: <https://tinyurl.com/3dev4fse>

At last Sunday's **Annual Meeting**, Richard Osborn and Mark Jones were re-elected as Churchwardens. Jordan Hodges, Dave Miller and Richard Osborn were elected to serve on Barnet Deanery Synod, and Beverley Ashdown, Christine Beland-Hancock and Harry Hadfield were elected to the PCC. The first meeting of the new PCC is on **Thursday 9th July**.

Watchers & Welcomers Please let Heather Hawkes know of any holiday dates in July and August.

Our Christian Aid Week collection raised **£600** (including Gift Aid). Thanks to all who contributed.

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Carole Waller, Elizabeth Liney, Elizabeth Wiseman, Nathan Reid, Cyril Osborn, Valerie Taylor, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Robert Peters, Lisa Collins, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Kirsty Edmunds, Marilyn Gibbs, Mary Healey

We also pray for Margaret Terry, 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, Steven Seal

The recently departed Paul Tatlow

Anniversaries of death this week Brian Shepherd, Ron Wilson, Oliver Addison, Elsie West, Vivienne Hedley Baxter, Joan Knight, Joan Jarvis, Jackie Plummer

Our parish We remember those who live in Bentley Place, Billy Lows Lane and Birch Grove

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

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy
Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy
comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,
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 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see

visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Or Numbers 11:24-30

PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b (or 104:26-end)

R *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number,
both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that
Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled
with good.
When you hide your face they are
troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are
created,
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they
smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have
my being. **R**

So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are

varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Or Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL

Either John 20:19-23

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

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."

Or John 7:37-39

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

