



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

28th June 2026

The Feast of St Peter and St Paul

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

Refreshments are served in the hall after the Family Eucharist

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**

First Reading: Acts 12 vv 1-11 *In answer to the prayers of the Church, Peter is released from prison by an Angel.*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4 vv 6-8, 17-18 *Paul, his death near, is writing from prison to young Timothy.*

Gospel: Matthew 16 vv 13-19 *Peter expresses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah so long looked for by the Jews.*

Hymns: 484, 388, 440, 296, 235

5.00pm **EVENSONG** **Hymns:** 431, 417, 252

*Our flowers this week have been arranged by Jessica Hollings
and donated by Stella and Karen Pond
in memory of their parents, John and Jean Pond*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	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
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	St Thomas the Apostle	
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday	8.30am	Churches Together Prayers at Christ Church, Little Heath followed by a light breakfast

Next Sunday is the **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

The Eucharist readings will be: Zechariah 9 vv 9-12;
Romans 7 vv 15-25a and Matthew 11 vv 16-19, 25-30.

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

Parish Notices

The next recital will be on **Tuesday 7th July** at 12.30pm when we shall welcome pianist Joanna Lam. Light lunches will be available from 12 noon.

The PCC will meet on **Thursday 9th July** at 8.00pm, preceded by a Eucharist at 7.30pm.

Instead of Evensong on **Sunday 12th July**, we shall be having a "**Hymns and Pimm's**" service at the earlier time of **4.00pm**. This will be an opportunity to sing some favourite hymns and then have a glass of Pimm's or a soft drink afterwards. Please do invite family, friends and neighbours to join us for this informal act of worship.

If you could help with **preparing or serving the refreshments**, please have a word with Fr Stefan or Richard. You can **nominate a favourite hymn** to be sung at the service by using the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of the church. We may not be able to include all the nominated hymns if there are a lot, which we are sure you will understand.

The Children's Society Could box holders please bring their boxes into church by **Sunday 26th July**?

Thank you – Anne Holt & Liz Perks

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

A **flower rota** for the second half of the year is now posted on the noticeboard. Please sign up for the Sundays when you wish to arrange or donate flowers.

Many thanks for your help in updating the prayer lists for the sick. The revised lists come into force today.

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Carole Waller, Elizabeth Liney, Elizabeth Wiseman, Valerie Taylor, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Cate Irvine, Robert Peters, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Ben Jones, Kirsty Edmunds, Marilyn Gibbs, Mary Healey, Vassos Stylianou

We also pray for Margaret Terry, Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Janet Daniels, Susan North, Sasha Burt, Tessa, Cyril Osborn, Nicola Stiff, Ron Golden, Ricky Mella, David Evans, Richard Barnes, Dave Gough, Prussia Blake

The recently departed Pamela Rodgers, Steven Seal

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week Robert Goodacre, Alice Devereux, Jack Penn, Peggy Alderton, Phyllis Coleman, Rex Robinson, Tom Morley

Our parish We remember those who live in Chauncy Avenue, Cherry Tree Lane and The Close

We pray for those being ordained priest or deacon this Petertide, especially those in our diocese who will be ordained next weekend at St Albans Cathedral

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THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2026
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COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 12: 1–11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them

of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13–19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**