

News from St Mary's

East Barnet Parish Church

July 2026

Sunday 5 July	10am All Creatures Great and Small <i>A service for blessing of pets</i> 6pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 12 July	10am Eucharist for Trinity 6
Sunday 19 July	10am Eucharist for Trinity 7 4pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday 26 July	10am Eucharist for Trinity 8

Alan Danson will be retiring as Director of Music after 11 years of distinguished leadership at the end of July. We'll be giving thanks for Alan's ministry of music in our morning service on Sunday 19 July.

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 please contact Alec.

If you'd like to make a donation to support the church's ministry in our community, then please visit the Parish Giving Scheme website.



Parish Giving Scheme

We are re-launching our Book Club on Wednesday 8 July at 7pm.

For more details please contact Mark (markleach1882@outlook.com).

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

Every Thursday at 11am there is a service of Holy Communion at Brookside Methodist Church, led by clergy within our ecumenical partnership.

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

For information, please contact the Rector.

The Prayer Group meets at 3pm on Fridays.

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

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

We will be preparing for a confirmation service in the Autumn, so please let Alec know if you would like to join a group to explore and affirm your adult faith in this way.

The Parish Lunch meets at the Prince of Wales on the third Monday of the month from 1pm.

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All Creatures Great and Small:

Psalm 148

Alleluia.
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
**Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.**
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.
**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
**He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
**Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;**
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
**Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.**
For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.
**He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**
Glory ...

Isaiah 11:6–9

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Holy Communion:

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."
'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."
'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and

said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from* Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk* in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'
At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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