



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

7th June 2026

The First Sunday after Trinity

*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

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5 v 15 – 6 v 6 *God will come to his people like the spring rains which water the earth.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 4 vv 13-25 *Through faith Abraham inherited God's promise and became the father of many nations.*

Gospel: Matthew 9 vv 9-13, 18-26 *Jesus calls Matthew, dines with tax-collectors and sinners and heals the sick.*

Hymns: 200, 64, 378, 302, 338

Anthem: Ave Verum - Elgar

Flowers this week have been arranged by Stephanie Maughan and donated by Chris Ruge-Cope

The Week Ahead

Monday 10.30am St Mary's Friendship Group meets at the Oakmere Tea Rooms

Tuesday **St Columba, abbot & missionary**
9.30am Morning Prayer
St John's School rehearsing during the day for their concert tomorrow
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist (in choir vestry)
10.00am – 12 noon Carers' coffee morning in hall
No Evening Prayer today
St John's School rehearsing during the day for their concert at **7.00pm**

Thursday **St Barnabas the Apostle**
9.30am Said Eucharist (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 the **Second Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
5.00pm Evensong

Eucharist readings will be: Exodus 19 vv 2-8a;
Romans 5 vv 1-8 and Matthew 9 v 35 – 10 v 8.

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

Parish Notices

The Friendship Group will meet **TOMORROW** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms.

There are still a few letters on the table at the back of the church, relating to Gift Aid donations to the church during the tax year 2025-26. Please do have a look to see if there is one for you.

The Hertfordshire Philharmonia returns to St Mary's on **Saturday 20th June** for a concert at 7.45pm, featuring works by Rachmaninov and Dvorak. Tickets are £16 in advance (£18 on the door), with concession rates for students (£5) and under 16s (£1).

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. We would be really pleased to hear from anyone new interested in arranging flowers. Pearl Shepherd & Trisha Salmon will be glad to provide advice and support.

During June, we are revising our **prayer lists for the sick**. Please indicate on the sheet on the noticeboard if names should remain or be removed from the lists. A reminder that the **main prayer list** is for those with acute illness, those receiving hospital treatment, awaiting or recovering from surgery etc. The **second list** is intended for those who are frail, housebound or living with longer-term conditions. The new lists will come into force from Sunday 28th June.

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Carole Waller, Elizabeth Liney, Elizabeth Wiseman, 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

We give thanks for the improvement in the health of Nathan Reid

The recently departed Joy Kayser, Barbara Lauder, Paul Tatlow

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week Bob Grosse, Ian Brazier

Our parish We remember those who live in Brookes Place, Byers Close and Byng Drive

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Our livestreamed services are available at:

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If you would like to receive the **weekly email bulletin** which is sent out every Saturday, you can sign up by going to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/b6dz2ap3>

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COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our
mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

I will return again to my place until they
acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favour:
Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he
who has torn, and he will heal us; he has
struck down, and he will bind us up. After
two days he will revive us; on the third day
he will raise us up, that we may live before
him. Let us know, let us press on to know
the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the
dawn; he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your
love is like a morning cloud, like the dew
that goes away early. Therefore I have
hewn them by the prophets, I have killed
them by the words of my mouth, and my
judgement goes forth as the light. For I
desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-
offerings.

Or **Genesis 12:1-9**

PSALM Psalm 50:7-15

R Offer to God a sacrifice of
thanksgiving.



Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "I will
testify against you, O Israel; for I am
God, your God.

"I will not reprove you for your sacrifices,
for your burnt offerings are always before
me. **R**

"I will take no bull out of your house,
nor he-goat out of your folds,

"For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
the cattle upon a thousand hills.

"I know every bird of the mountains
and the insect of the field is mine. **R**

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that
fills it.

"Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats? **R**

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

"Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you and you shall honour
me." **R**

SECOND READING Romans 4:13-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that Abraham would inherit
the world did not come to Abraham or
to his descendants through the law but
through the righteousness of faith. If it is
the adherents of the law who are to be the
heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
For the law brings wrath; but where there
is no law, neither is there violation. For
this reason it depends on faith, in order
that the promise may rest on grace and
be guaranteed to all his descendants, not
only to the adherents of the law but also
to those who share the faith of Abraham
(for he is the father of all of us, as it is
written, "I have made you the father of
many nations") – Abraham believed in
the presence of the God who gives life
to the dead and calls into existence the
things that do not exist. Hoping against
hope, he believed that he would become
"the father of many nations," according
to what was said, "So numerous shall your
descendants be." He did not weaken in
faith when he considered his own body,
which was already as good as dead (for
he was about a hundred years old), or
when he considered the barrenness of
Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver
concerning the promise of God, but he
grew strong in his faith as he gave glory
to God, being fully convinced that God
was able to do what he had promised.
Therefore his faith "was reckoned to
him as righteousness." Now the words,
"it was reckoned to him," were written
not for his sake alone, but for ours also.
It will be reckoned to us who believe in

God who raised Jesus our Lord from the
dead, who was handed over to death
for our trespasses and was raised for our
justification.

GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13. 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man
called Matthew sitting at the tax booth;
and he said to him, "Follow me." And he
got up and followed him. And as he sat at
dinner in the house, many tax-collectors
and sinners came and were sitting with
him and his disciples. When the Pharisees
saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why
does your teacher eat with tax-collectors
and sinners?" But when he heard this, he
said, "Those who are well have no need
of a physician, but those who are sick. Go
and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy,
not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not
the righteous but sinners." While he was
saying these things to them, suddenly
a leader of the synagogue came in and
knelt before him, saying, "My daughter
has just died; but come and lay your hand
on her, and she will live." And Jesus got
up and followed him, with his disciples.
Then suddenly a woman who had been
suffering from haemorrhages for twelve
years came up behind him and touched the
fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself,
"If I only touch his cloak, I will be made
well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he
said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has
made you well." And instantly the woman
was made well. When Jesus came to the
leader's house and saw the flute-players
and the crowd making a commotion, he
said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but
sleeping." And they laughed at him. But
when the crowd had been put outside, he
went in and took her by the hand, and the
girl got up. And the report of this spread
throughout that district.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

