



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

12th July 2026

The Sixth 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
and in the church after the afternoon service
Please do stay.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55 vv 10-13 *The prophet describes the wonder and power of the Word of God.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 8 vv 1-11 *St Paul speaks of the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to overcome our lower nature and make us children of God.*

Gospel: Matthew 13 vv 1-9, 18-23 *Jesus tells the parable of the sower.*

Hymns: 466, 407, 137, 358, 366

4.00pm **HYMNS AND PIMM'S** – an informal service with a selection of favourite hymns

Our flowers this week have been arranged by Jessica Hollings and donated by David Smith in memory of his wife Avis

The Week Ahead

Tuesday *John Keble, priest and poet*

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday *St Swithun, bishop*

9.30am Said Eucharist

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 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)

Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon Meeting of the London Branch of the Church of England Flower Arrangers' Association here

Next Sunday is the **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Eucharist readings next Sunday will be: Isaiah 44 vv 6-8; Romans 8 vv 12-25 and Matthew 13 vv 24-30, 36-43.

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Parish Notices

We give a warm welcome to our guest preacher at the 10.00am Sung Eucharist - **the Rt Revd Shourabh Pholia**, Bishop of the Diocese of Barisal and Deputy Moderator of the Anglican Church of Bangladesh. Bishop Shourabh is visiting the diocese this month and we are delighted he has joined us today with his wife, the Revd Suchitra Behera.

The Friendship Group will meet on **Monday 20th July** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms. All are welcome.

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

Thank you – Anne Holt & Liz Perks

Church cleaning will take place on **Tuesday 28th July** from 10.00am to 12 noon. If you could help, even if just for an hour, please come along.

Future dates to note in your diaries:

- **Sunday 6th September** – Patronal Festival with lunch in church hall following 10.00am Festival Eucharist
- **Sunday 4th October** – Pet Blessing service at 4.00pm for St Francis' Day. Further details to follow
- **Sunday 11th October** – Harvest Festival with lunch in the church hall following 10.00am Family Eucharist
- **Sunday 1st November** – All Saints Day celebration in the morning; All Souls' service of thanksgiving and remembrance at 3.00pm
- **Saturday 21st November** – Quiz Night in church hall

For your prayers

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

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

The recently departed Vassos Stylianou, Ronald Webb, Margaret Hill, The Revd Cate Irvine (Vicar of Totteridge)

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Nancy Blackwood, Christopher Niblett, Louise Bracken-Smith, Avis Smith, Reginald Dare, Fr Peter Tabernacle

Our parish We remember those who live in Cotton Road, Daleside Drive and Dancers Hill Road

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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> - or you can simply email Richard at rmosborn@hotmail.com

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

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COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Or Genesis 25:19-end

PSALM Psalm 65 [or 65:8-end]

R *Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing
your praise. **R**

[You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out
the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and
bless its increase. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow
with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks
of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.] **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you,

though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

