

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

16th August 2026

The Eleventh 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.
Please do join us if you can.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am SAID EUCHARIST

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Philip Green,
Associate Priest, St Peter's London Colney*

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Rachel Phillips,
Associate Rector, St John's Stanmore and
formerly Vicar of Northaw and Cuffley*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56 vv 1, 6-8 *Those who
"join themselves with the Lord" and serve Him will be given an
everlasting name.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 11 vv 1-2a, 29-32
*God will not reject his chosen people, even though they are
disobedient.*

Gospel: Matthew 15 vv 21-28 *Jesus heals the daughter of
a Canaanite woman, a Gentile, who speaks to him as the
Messiah.*

Hymns: 461, 419, 353, 308, 439

*Our flowers have been arranged by Stephanie Maughan
and donated by Janet Daniels in memory of her husband David*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist
Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday *St Bernard, abbot & teacher of the faith*
9.30am Said Eucharist (BCP)
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 9.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Next Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

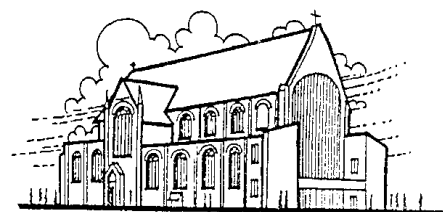
Next Sunday's Eucharist readings are: Isaiah 51 vv 1-6;
Romans 12 vv 1-8 and Matthew 16 vv 13-20.

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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



Parish Notices

The Friendship Group will meet **tomorrow** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms in the High Street. All are welcome.

The next lunchtime recital will be on **Tuesday 1st September** at 12.30pm when we shall welcome back the rarescale flute ensemble. The usual light lunches will be available from 12 noon.

Our Patronal Festival will be on **Sunday 6th September**. After the 10.00am service, there will be a Bring & Share Lunch in the church hall. If you would like to attend this lunch, please sign the list on the notice board, indicating what you are able to bring in the way of food to share (savoury or sweet). If you would prefer just to make a monetary donation, please indicate that on the sheet.

Annual Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike - **Saturday 12th September**, 9.00am to 5.00pm. Many thanks to those who have offered to welcome visitors to the church on that day. There are still a few gaps on the rota, so please sign up if you can help. It would be good if two people could cover each hour slot.

Could **Watchers & Welcomers** please let Heather Hawkes have a note of any dates when they will be unavailable during October & November. Many thanks.

You can support fundraising for St Mary's by signing up to the **Easyfundraising** online shopping website at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryspottersbar We have raised nearly **£1,800** for St Mary's since joining this initiative. Thank you to all our supporters.

For your prayers

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

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

The recently departed

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Fr Gareth Randall (Honorary Assistant Priest 1998-2007),
Fr Cecil Charlton (Vicar 1956-1980), Gwendolyn Macken,
Owen Franklin, Joyce Taylor

Our parish We remember those who live in Forbes Avenue, Goodacre Close and Great Slades

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

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 56:1. 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Or **Genesis 45:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 67

R *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples
righteously and govern the nations
upon earth.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL (Short or long reading)

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

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

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without

understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

