



St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

2nd August 2026

The Ninth 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

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Emma-Jane Wilkinson, Vicar of King Charles the Martyr

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Karen Turner, formerly Vicar of South Mymms and Ridge

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55 vv 1-5 *The prophet foretells Christ's reign.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 9 vv 1-5 *St Paul has great sorrow for his fellow Jews who fail to recognise Jesus as Lord.*

Gospel: Matthew 14 vv 13-21 *Jesus heals the sick and feeds a great multitude.*

Hymns: 436, 64, 271, 416, 368

Our flowers this week have been arranged by Jessica Hollings & donated by Brenda Webb in memory of her husband Robert

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Recital by Aleksandra Lipke (piano)
Light lunches available from 12 noon
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday *St Oswald. king and martyr*
9.30am Said Eucharist
Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday *Transfiguration of Our Lord*
9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday No Morning Prayer today
5.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday is the **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
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 Philips, Associate Rector, St John's Stanmore

5.00pm Evensong

The readings next Sunday will be: 1 Kings 19 vv 9-18;
Romans 10 vv 5-15 and Matthew 14 vv 22-33.

Parish Notices

Annual Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike - Saturday 12th September, 9.00am to 5.00pm. We need volunteers to welcome visitors to the church. Please sign the rota on the noticeboard if you can help. It would be good if two people could cover each hour slot.

Many thanks to our Children's Society boxholders. **£120.24** was raised at the recent box opening.

Future dates to note in your diaries:

- **Sunday 6th September** – Patronal Festival with lunch in the 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

Please pray for our new Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Andrew, as he prepares to move to St Albans this month. His installation service will take place at the Cathedral on **Saturday 19th September** at 2.00pm. Tickets for the service (two per household) can be ordered at: booking.stalbanscathedral.org Please note that there are only limited tickets, so you need to book quickly! The service will also be livestreamed.

For your prayers

The sick Anna Downes, Carole Waller, Elizabeth Liney, Elizabeth Wiseman, Janice Neal, Valerie Taylor, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Joan Golden, Richard Peart, Judy & Bob Keefe, Robert Peters, Maureen Alderman, Alison Stevens, Ben Jones, 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
Gertrude Sanderson, Edgar Hancock, Frank Thomas, John Hart, Robert Webb, Walter Schofield, Christine Twilley, Fr Frederick Perkins OGS, Fred Girling, Pauline Thangiah, Roy Jones

Our parish We remember those who live in Fayerfield, Fenton Close and Fetherstone Close

While Fr Stefan is on annual leave, please refer all enquiries to **Richard Osborn**

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

Sunday

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your
Church:
open our hearts to the riches of
your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 55:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Or **Genesis 32:22-31**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9. 15-end

R *Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great
goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his
creatures. **R**

[The Lord upholds all those who
fall
and lifts up all those who are
bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you,
O Lord,
and you give them their food in
due season. **R**

You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his
ways
and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call
upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully. **R**
He fulfils the desire of those who
fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who
love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of
the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy
name for ever and ever.] **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ.
I am not lying; my conscience
confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I
have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. For I could
wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake
of my own people, my kindred
according to the flesh. They are
Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises; to them belong
the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes
the Messiah, who is over all, God
blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

