

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

9th August 2026

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

*A warm welcome to St Mary's,
especially if this is your first time here.*

*Refreshments are served at the back of the church after the
Sung Eucharist. Do join us.*

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: 1 Kings 19 vv 9-18 *God cares
for His faithful servant Elijah. He reveals Himself in the "still,
small voice".*

New Testament Reading: Romans 10 vv 5-15 *St Paul
proclaims that only faith in Christ Jesus can bring us the
salvation which God offers alike to Jew and Gentile.*

Gospel: Matthew 14 vv 22-33 *Jesus walks on the water.*

Hymns: 433 (omit * verses), 354, 338, 374, 494

5.00pm EVENSONG Hymns: 377, 359, 476

*Our flowers have been arranged by Stephanie Maughan
& donated by Chris & Kathryn Ellis to celebrate their 12th
wedding anniversary*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday St Clare of Assisi, founder of Poor Clares

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am – 12 noon Church cleaning

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Tom Baron

10.00am – 12 noon Church open for visitors and for
Carers' Coffee morning

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday Jeremy Taylor, bishop & teacher of the faith

9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

10.30am – 12 noon Church open for visitors

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday No Morning Prayer today

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Next Sunday's readings will be: Isaiah 56 vv 1, 6-8;
Romans 11 vv 1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15 vv 21-28.

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

Refreshments after today's Sung Eucharist will be served at the back of the church, as the hall is out of action while the floor is being refurbished.

Church cleaning takes place **this Tuesday** from 10.00am to 12 noon. This task is falling on the shoulders of a faithful few, so if you could help, it would be much appreciated.

The Friendship Group will meet on **Monday 17th August** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms in the High Street. All are welcome.

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 (savory 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. 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.

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, Judy & Bob Keefe, Robert Peters, Maureen Alderman, Ben Jones, Alison Stevens, Kirsty Edmunds, Marilyn Gibbs, Kathy

We give thanks for the improvement in the health of Richard Peart

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

John Gamby, Hazel Thurgood, David Daniels, Louise Street, Johannes Pormann, Violet Goldfinch

Our parish We remember those who live in Fields Court, Field View Road and Firs Lane

Website: www.stmaryspb.org.uk

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

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever

escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Or **Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28**

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people
and to the faithful, that they turn not
again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who
fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed
each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from
heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is
good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous

to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust
in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.