

**St Mary the Virgin and All Saints
Potters Bar
30th August 2026
The Thirteenth 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**

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15 vv 15-21 *God urges Jeremiah to continue as his prophet, in spite of the rejection and suffering he has endured.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 12 vv 9-21 *Paul outlines the duties of the Christian believer. We must be patient in the face of suffering and opposition.*

Gospel: Matthew 16 vv 21-28 *Peter cannot accept the idea of a suffering Messiah who dies for his people. Jesus speaks of the true use of life.*

Hymns: 339, 341, 357, 431, 437

*This week's flowers have been arranged by Jessica Hollings
and donated by Chris Ruge-Cope*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	St Giles
9.30am	Morning Prayer
12.30pm	Recital by the rarscale flute ensemble <i>Light lunches available from 12 noon</i>
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	
9.30am	Said Eucharist
10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	St Gregory the Great
9.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	
9.30am	Morning Prayer
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	
8.30am	Churches Together Prayers at King Charles the Martyr Church followed by breakfast

Next Sunday is our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**, as we mark the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

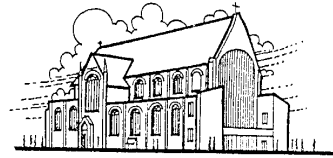
8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**
followed by lunch in the church hall

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Parish Notices

TODAY everything put in the collection (except the planned giving envelopes) will be donated to the Christian Aid appeal for the relief effort in Nepal following the devastating floods. Please give generously. You can also donate online to our bank account - please mark your donation "Nepal".

NEXT SUNDAY is our **Patronal Festival** when we keep the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the 10.00am Festival Eucharist, 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 **TODAY**, indicating what you are able to bring in the way of food to share (savoury or sweet). If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please indicate that on the sheet. If you can help with **setting up the hall** next Saturday afternoon, please come along at **2.30pm**.

The PCC will meet on **Wednesday 9th September** at 8.00pm, preceded by a Eucharist at 7.30pm.

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.

Geoff Foster is taking part in the bike ride and would be grateful for sponsors. The money he raises will be shared between the Trust and St Mary's.

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

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, Richard Peart, Alison Stevens, Kirsty Edmunds, Marilyn Gibbs, Kathy, Joyce Bowry

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
Esther Salaman, Ted Witts, Bob Whittle, Molly Byrne, Doris March, Stan Lewens, Brother Derek Ford SSF

Those preparing for Holy Matrimony Ross Hancock and Nina Francis

Our parish We remember those who live and work in Hatfield Road, Hatherleigh Gardens and Hayes Walk

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Or **Exodus 3:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 26:1-8

R Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **R**

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked in your truth.
I have not joined the company of the false,
nor consorted with the deceitful. **R**

I hate the gathering of evildoers
and I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence,

O Lord,
that I may go about your altar, **R**

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they

are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-end

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

