

St Mary the Virgin & All Saints
Potters Bar
18th October 2026
The Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

*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**

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35 vv 3-6 *The promise that God will overcome fear and bring healing, light and salvation.*

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 4 vv 5-17 *Paul's charge to Timothy, with its mention of Luke.*

Gospel: Luke 10 vv 1-9 *Jesus sends out seventy of his followers to whom he gives power to heal and to teach.*

Hymns: 168, 25, 304, 35, 106

1.00pm **Churches Together meeting at Our Lady & St Vincent Church** – to discuss missional opportunities within our town

*Our flowers this week have been refreshed by Pearl Shepherd
 in memory of her husband Brian*

The Week Ahead

Monday	10.30am	St Mary's Friendship Group meets at the Oakmere Tea Rooms – <u>all welcome</u>
Tuesday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am – 12 noon	Church cleaning - <u>please lend a hand if you can</u>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday is BIBLE SUNDAY

(PLEASE REMEMBER: CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR!)

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Celebrant & Preacher at both services: The Revd Hugh Wikner

5.00pm Evensong (BCP)

The Eucharist readings will be: Nehemiah 8 vv 1-6, 8-12; Colossians 3 vv 12-17 and Matthew 24 vv 30-35.

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Please note that when services are live streamed, those sitting in the rows in front of the Churchwardens' staves may be seen.

If in doubt, please ask a welcomer where to sit if you wish to avoid the camera

Parish Notices

Many thanks to everyone who made our Harvest celebration so special and thank you for your generous gifts to the St Albans Open Door homeless service and to the USPG Harvest appeal for Madagascar.

The Knit & Natter Group will meet on **Tuesday 27th October** at 12 noon. Donations of spare, unwanted wool would be gratefully received by Heather Hawkes.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

We shall keep the **Feast of All Saints** on **Sunday 1st November** at the morning Eucharists. The Revd Karen Turner will be our guest preacher at the 10.00am service. Our annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be that afternoon at **3.00pm** - a service of hymns & prayers to which the relatives of all those whose funeral Fr Stefan or Richard has taken during the past two years have been invited. If you can help with **providing cakes** for the refreshments, please sign the list on the noticeboard. Please note: only names of those whose funerals have taken place over the last two years will be read out at this afternoon service.

A **Requiem Eucharist for All Souls** will take place on **Wednesday 4th November** at **9.30am**. If you wish names to be remembered at this service, please let Richard know by email, phone or in writing. Names to be submitted by **lunchtime** on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Remembrance Sunday is **Sunday 8th November**. The Sung Eucharist will be at **9.30am** on that day. This will be followed by the War Memorial ceremony.

Our **Quiz Night** will be on **Saturday 21st November** at 7.00pm in the church hall. A sign-up sheet for tickets (£10) is now on the noticeboard. No food will be provided, so please bring your own nibbles/snacks. Drinks will be available to purchase or you can bring your own. Donations of **raffle prizes** would be appreciated.

Watchers & Welcomers Please let Heather Hawkes have any holiday dates during December and January.

Gift Aid To comply with HMRC regulations, we need everyone to complete a new Gift Aid declaration form. Forms are available at the back of church and can be returned to Liz Nethercott or put in the donations box.

The local Rotary Club is collecting **warm winter coats** for those in need. Further details are in the weekly bulletin and on the noticeboard – and a collection box is available at the back of the church.

We are updating our **prayer lists for the sick**. If you wish names to remain on the lists, please indicate this on the sheet on the noticeboard by the end of October.

For your prayers

The sick Margaret Terry, Joan Golden, Elizabeth Liney, Anna Downes, Carole Waller, Elizabeth Wiseman, Valerie Taylor, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Maureen Alderman, Judy & Bob Keefe, Robert Peters, Marilyn Gibbs, Ben Jones, Richard Peart, Alison Stevens, Judy Makin

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

The recently departed Mary McCarthy, Joyce Bowry

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week
 Gertrude Rayworth, baby Noah Reid

Our parish We remember those who live in Leaside, Lynton Crest and Mandeville Road

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel, to be
an evangelist and physician of
the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine
of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and
power to heal;
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

Either **Isaiah 35:3-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Strengthen the weak hands; and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Or **Acts 16:6-12a**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to

Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

PSALM Psalm 147:1-7

R Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Alleluia.
How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. **R**

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
Great is our Lord and mighty in
power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above

all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-9

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in
tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of
your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Great is our Lord and mighty in power.