St Mary the Virgin & All Saints Potters Bar

1st November 2026

All Saints' Sunday

A warm welcome to St Mary's especially if this is your first time here.
Refreshments are served in the hall after the Festival Eucharist

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**

Guest Preacher: ***The Revd Karen Turner***

First Reading: Revelation 7 vv 9-17 *St John's vision of the worship offered by the redeemed before the Throne of God.*

Second Reading: 1 John 3 vv 1-3 *God's love in making us His children progressively produces resemblance to Him, here and hereafter.*

Gospel: Matthew 5 vv 1-12 *The Beatitudes proclaim God's favour to those who aspire to live under His rule.*

Hymns: 197, 224, 478, 274, 381
Anthem: Lead me Lord - Wesley

3.00pm **ALL SOULS' SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE**

Our flowers have been arranged by Stephanie Maughan and donated by Karen & Stella Pond in memory of their parents, John and Jean Pond

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	***Richard Hooker, priest & teacher of the faith***	
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Recital by Mary Pilbury, Miriam Kramer and Nicholas Durcan (bassoon, violin & piano) *Light lunches available from 12 noon*
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Said Eucharist
	8.00pm	PCC meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	**All Souls' Requiem Eucharist**
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	9.30am	Said Eucharist (BCP)
	10.30am – 12 noon	Church open for visitors
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	9.00am	St John's School Remembrance Day Service
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday	8.30am	Churches Together Prayers at Our Lady & St Vincent Church

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday before Advent, also **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**
10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
5.00pm Evensong (BCP)

The Eucharist readings will be: Amos 5 vv 18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4 vv 13-18 and Matthew 25 vv 1-13.

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If you wish to avoid the camera when services are livestreamed, it is best to sit in the side aisles

Parish Notices

Our Annual Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for departed loved ones is today at **3.00pm**. All are welcome at this service and to the refreshments afterwards.

Our **Requiem Eucharist for All Souls** will take place on **Wednesday** at **9.30am**. If you wish names to be remembered at this service, please let Richard know by **Tuesday lunchtime**.

Next Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday.** Please remember that the Sung Eucharist is at **9.30am**. This will be followed by the War Memorial ceremony.

St Mary's Friendship Group will meet on **Tuesday 10th November** at 10.30am at the Oakmere Tea Rooms.

Church cleaning will take place on **Thursday 12th November** from 10.15am to 12 noon. If you can spare an hour to help, the cleaning team will be very grateful.

Hertfordshire Philharmonia return on **Saturday 14th November** with a concert of music suitable for Remembrance Day. Please note earlier time of **3.00pm**.

Our **Quiz Night** is on **Saturday 21st November** at 7pm in the church hall. A sign-up sheet for tickets (£10) is 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.

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 Richard or put in the wooden donations box.

The Rotary Club is collecting **warm winter coats** for those in need. Many thanks to those who have already donated coats. **Today** is the final opportunity to do so.

We were sad to hear of the death of **Margaret Terry** last weekend. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our **prayer lists for the sick** have been revised. If you wish a name to be re-instated or added, please indicate this on the sheet on the noticeboard.

For your prayers

The sick Elizabeth Liney, Anna Downes, Elizabeth Wiseman, Valerie Taylor, Francoise Groves-de-Milleret, Judy Makin, Sally, Maureen Alderman, Richard Peart, Alison Stevens, Pauline Phillips

We also pray for Keith Downes, Jayne Hutton, Susan North, Joan & Ron Golden, Sasha Burt, Nicola Stiff, Richard Barnes, Ricky Mella, David Evans, Tessa, Dave Gough, Prussia Blake

Recently departed Margaret Terry, Joyce Bowry, Kaz Nowak

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week
Joseph Parsons, Annie Jubb, Margaret Whitling, Peter Onley, The Revd Henry Watkins (Vicar 1835-1889), Robert Smeal, Betty Barber, Doris Snook, Rex Clarke, Samuel Mensah

Our parish We remember those who live in Marshe Close, Meadow Way and Melrose Avenue

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Sunday 1 November 2026 All Saints' Day

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your
blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those
who truly love 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

Revelation 7:9-end

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10

R *I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. **R**

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered
me
and delivered me from all my fears. **R**

Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord
heard me and saved me from all my
troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him
and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is
gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in
him. **R**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

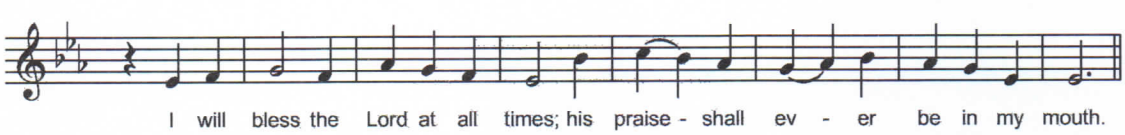
GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this
table as strangers and pilgrims
here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of
your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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