



**St Mary the Virgin and All Saints  
Potters Bar**

**18th November 2018**

**The Second Sunday before Advent**

*A warm welcome to St Mary's.*

*If this is your first time here, we hope you feel at home with us.*

*Please stay for refreshments after the Parish Eucharist.*

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12 vv 1-3 *This passage speaks of the resurrection to everlasting life.*

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10 vv 11-25 *We have free access to God through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Let us then help one another to grow in the Christian life, especially by faithful attendance at worship.*

Gospel: Mark 13 vv 1-8 *In response to a disciple's admiration of the Temple, Jesus predicts its complete destruction. He warns his followers against the attractions of leaders who make empty promises.*

**Hymns:** 339 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
434 – Oft in danger, oft in woe  
476 – Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim  
304 – Once, only once, and once for all  
333 – All my hope on God is founded

12.30pm **Holy Baptism** – Amelia Maria Scanlon

6.30pm **Evensong at Christ Church, Little Heath**

*Our flowers this week have been arranged by Pearl Shepherd with donations from Kate Schofield in memory of her parents and her sister Marjorie and from Anna & Keith Downes in memory of Keith's son, Keith Anthony Downes*

**The Week Ahead**

**Tuesday – Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday – Thursday** 5.00pm Evening Prayer

**Monday** 10.30am Funeral of Geoffrey Masters

**Tuesday** **St Edmund, king & martyr**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday** **St Cecilia, martyr**  
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Next Sunday** is the **Feast of Christ the King**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

3.00pm Sunday Showcase – concert by students from Potters Bar Music Centre

5.00pm Evensong

The Eucharist readings will be: Daniel 7 vv 9-10, 13-14;

Revelation 1 vv 4b-8 and John 18 vv 33-37.

**Parish Notices**

We are sad to report the death of **Geof Masters** who died last Sunday morning. Geof had been a faithful member of the 8.00am Sunday Eucharist congregation for many years and also served diligently as Hall Lettings Secretary for 17 years until 2011. We send our condolences and prayers to Hazel and her family. Geof's funeral will take place **tomorrow** at 10.30am.

The funeral of **Geoffrey Embleton** will take place in church on **Thursday 29th November** at 11.00am.

May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.

Next Sunday is the deadline for returning your **Commitment Sunday** pledge form. Many thanks to those who have already returned their forms.

**Next Sunday from 3.00pm**, there will be a free hour of short and varied performances by students from the **Potters Bar Music Centre** Saturday Morning Music School. Come and support local young musicians in a friendly, welcoming concert.

The Knit and Natter Group will meet on **Tuesday 27th November**, 12 noon to 2.00pm. This is the last meeting of 2018. The group resumes on Tuesday 29th January.

The season of **Advent** begins on **Sunday 2nd December**. We shall be marking this with our traditional **Advent Procession**, "From Darkness to Light" at **6.30pm**. We shall be joined at this service by members of other churches in the town. Please try to join us on this special occasion if you can.

Churches Together Children's Discover Christmas event, Saturday 15th December **This Tuesday** at 8.00pm, a meeting will be held at St John's Methodist Church to launch this new event for children in the town, to plan the crafts and discuss how the Christmas story will be acted out as the event moves from St John's to Our Lady & St Vincent Church. Please see Fr Stefan for more details.

**Watchers & Welcomers** Please inform Heather of dates when you will be unavailable in January & February.

**For your prayers :**

**The sick** Margaret Bowers, Nora Wood, Sheila Franklin, Sandra Meddes, David Evans, Joyce, Maddie Marchand, Lucia, Vicky, Stephen

**We also remember** Peter Baker, Mary Embleton, Joan Rutter, Nicola Stiff, Marjorie Zerfahs, Dominic Hilton, Nick Brindley, Barbara Stratton, Vera Stylianou, Christopher Schools, Greta Murphy, Pat, Molly Hines, Christine Barclay, Norma, Jacqueline Thompson, Emma

**The recently departed** Geoffrey Embleton, Geoffrey Masters, Keith Anthony Downes, Rosina Morris, Dorothy Carmichael, Terence Callaghan

**Anniversaries of death this week** Maud Grimwood, Hugh Wiggins, Geoffrey Follett, Ronald Johnson, Ian Blackwood, Pat Brett, Dorothy Rowbotham, Connie Woodward, Clement Woodward, Maggie Forbes, Mary Thomas, Audrey Eke

**Our parish** We remember those who live in Melrose Avenue, Morven Close and Mount Grace Road

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*Items for next week's sheet to Richard Osborn (Tel: 07803 756088 / e-mail: [rmosborn@hotmail.com](mailto:rmosborn@hotmail.com)) by Thursday*

*Please let Fr Stefan know about illnesses or any other emergencies affecting parishioners.*

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