

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

14th January 2018

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

*Refreshments are served after the Parish Eucharist.
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3 vv 1-10 *God calls Samuel. All Israel perceives that he is to be a great prophet.*

New Testament Reading: Revelation 5 vv 1-10 *Part of St John's vision of heaven. No-one is found worthy to open the Book of Destiny containing the secrets of the future except the Lamb.*

Gospel: John 1 vv 43-51 *When he is under a fig tree (probably near Bethel where Jacob had his vision) Jesus calls Nathanael.*

Hymns: 232 – Awake, my soul, and with the sun
200 – Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
294 – Just as I am, without one plea
341 – Blest are the pure in heart
235 – Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

5.00pm **EVENSONG**

The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Tuesday - Friday Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Monday 10.30am Funeral of Mollie Brown

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Study Group meets
3.30pm Service at Greenhill care home

Thursday ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins***
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Saturday 9.30am – 1pm Diocesan Reader Selection
Conference in church

Next Sunday is the **Third Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**

*Guest Preacher: **The Revd Don Hopkins,**
Deacon at Our Lady & St Vincent Roman
Catholic Church, Mutton Lane*

6.30pm Evensong at Christ Church, Little Heath

The Eucharist readings will be: Genesis 14: 17-20;
Revelation 19 vv 6-10 and John 2 vv 1-11.

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We now have some **large print copies** of the readings sheet. Please ask the sidesmen if you would like one.

Parish Notices

Our **Confirmation Service** is only two weeks away – on **Sunday 28th January at 6.30pm**. This will be a Eucharist, with the Bishop of Hertford as celebrant and preacher. On this day, the 8am Eucharist will take place as usual, but there will be **NO SERVICE at 10am**. **Everyone** is encouraged to come in the evening to support our candidates. Transport can be arranged for those who require it. We need offers of **food** for the buffet which will follow the service – please do sign up on the list on the noticeboard to indicate how you can help.

Church cleaning will be taking place on **Wednesday 24th January from 9.30am**. Please do come along to help, even if you can only spare an hour.

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Marion Graham will take place on **Thursday 25th January at 2.00pm**.

The next PCC meeting will be on **Thursday 25th January** preceded by a Eucharist at 7.30pm.

We will be holding a **Bring and Share Lunch** after the Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 11th February**. This will be a celebration before we begin the season of Lent on the following Wednesday. We hope you can come. Please sign up on the list on the noticeboard if you can attend and to indicate what food you can provide.

A new **flower rota** has been posted on the noticeboard. Please sign up for the Sundays on which you can help to arrange or make a donation towards flowers.

The Children's Society It is time for **collecting boxes** to be returned. Jenny Ruddle has asked if they can be brought to church by **Sunday 28th January**.

We are very grateful to Jenny for being our Children's Society representative for a number of years. She has now decided to stand down from this role. If you would be interested in taking this on, please have a word with Jenny, Fr Stefan or Richard.

For your prayers :

The sick Nora Wood, Glenys Banks, Margaret Matthews, Vicky, John Thompson, Stephanie Stewart, Sheila Franklin, Sandra Meddes, Peter Appleyard, Pat, Yvonne, Sally Hawkins, Elizabeth Wiseman

We also remember Marilyn Grosse, Peter Baker, Marjorie Zerfahs, Joan Rutter, Nick Adcock, Dominic Hilton, Janet Dear, Nicola Stiff, Nick Brindley, Barbara Stratton, Fr Colin Gay, Christopher Schools, Greta Murphy, Vic Cotton, John Elliott, Molly Hines, Ava, Pauline Barclay, Christine Barclay, Jan Davis, Norma

The recently departed Mollie Brown, Ian King, Marion Graham, Angela Cotton

Anniversaries of death this week Annie Borland, Thomas Gorrod, Elizabeth Portnell, Minnie Bridge, Fr Donald Harris, Laura Parsons; Grace Moody, Joseph Field, Mary Field, Una Parr and other victims of the Flying Rocket 1945

Our parish We remember those who live in Oakmere Close, Oakmere Lane and Oakroyd Avenue

Our Confirmation candidates Alex Crouch, Peter Dodd, Keith Downes, Graham Martin, Debbie Meddes, Giovanni Nazaro, Giulia Nazaro, Heather Terry, John West

To hire **St Mary's Hall**, contact Oliver Matley on 07880 860750

Items for next week's sheet to Richard Osborn (Tel: 07803 756088 / e-mail: rmosborn@hotmail.com) by Thursday
Please let Fr Stefan know about illnesses or any other emergencies affecting parishioners.

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