

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

21st May 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

*Refreshments are served after Family Communion.
We look forward to meeting you and seeing you again.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

First Reading: Acts 17 vv 22-31 *In Athens, St Paul teaches that there is only one God.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3 vv 13-22 *St Peter presents a picture of the Christian life.*

Gospel: John 14 vv 15-21 *Before Jesus goes to Gethsemane, he promises his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Hymns: 221 – Make way, make way
289 – Seek ye first the kingdom of God
116 – Hail, thou once despised Jesus
401 – Surrexit Christus
113 – Great is thy faithfulness

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

*Our flowers this week are arranged by Lisa Brett & Liz Gordon
and donated by Lisa to give thanks for her and Jon's Silver
Wedding Anniversary*

The Week Ahead

Wednesday – Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday – Friday 5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday No service of Holy Communion today
8.00pm Churches Together in Potters Bar
AGM at Christ Church, Little Heath

Thursday **ASCENSION DAY**
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
8.00pm **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Next Sunday is the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**, also known as the **Sunday after Ascension Day**

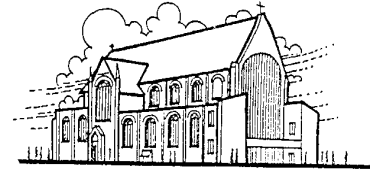
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am **PARISH COMMUNION**
5.00pm Evensong and Devotions before the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharist readings next Sunday will be: Acts 1 vv 6-14;
1 Peter 4 vv 12-14; 5 vv 6-11 and John 17 vv 1-11.

Looking for a venue? To hire St Mary's Hall,
please contact Oliver Matley on 07880 860750

A reminder that the church is open for visitors from
10am to 12 noon every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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Parish Notices

We send our congratulations and best wishes to **Lisa & Jon Brett** who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary last Tuesday and thank them for the cake and prosecco after Family Communion today.

To mark the end of **Christian Aid Week**, our loose collection at both services **today** will be donated to Christian Aid. There are red envelopes available for you to gift aid your donation. Please give generously.

Thursday is **Ascension Day** and marks the start of "**Thy Kingdom Come**" - a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Booklets will soon be available to help us keep these special 9 days. Please do your best to attend one of the Eucharists on Thursday as we begin this period of prayer – and **next Sunday**, there will be a special time of devotions during Evensong at 5.00pm.

The Knit & Natter Group meets on **Tuesday 30th May**.

Watchers & Welcomers Please let Heather know of dates when you will be unavailable during July & August.

We will be holding a **Midsummer Strawberry Tea** in church on **Saturday 24th June** from 3pm to 5pm. All welcome. Enjoy the company of friends in the ambience of our beautiful building. Please sign the list on the notice board if you are able to come. Tickets are £5 (half price for children). If you can you help with any of the following, please speak to Jenny - offers of help in setting up, serving, clearing away; provision of raffle prizes; donations of home-made cakes and scones.

We send our best wishes to **Fr Tim O'Connor**, Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Vincent RC Church, who will be retiring in August after 15 years in Potters Bar.

For your prayers :

The sick Fr Jeff Stratton, Joan Rutter, Janet Dear, Christopher Schools, Nora Wood, Nick Brindley, Jean & Vic Cotton, Jill West, Andrew Butcher, baby Ava, Jan Davis, David Evans, Pauline Barclay, Christine Barclay, Peter Appleyard, Eileen Williams, Emilia Toma

We also remember Marilyn Grosse, John Gamby, Dominic Hilton, Margaret Bowers, Mollie Brown, Marjorie Zerbahs, Nicola Stiff, Barbara Stratton, Ivor Stringer, Greta Murphy, Ivy Ponnaiyah, Ben Kuschel, John Elliott, Molly Hines, Colin Woodford, Sally & John Honeychurch, Robert

The recently departed

Anniversaries of death this week Ron Wilson, Elizabeth Childs, Oliver Addison, Lillian Woolfrey

Our parish We remember those who live in Tiverton Road, Torrington Drive and Trewenna Drive

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