



**St Mary the Virgin and All Saints
Potters Bar
17th September 2017
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*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: Genesis 50 vv 15-21 *Joseph reassures his brothers that only God can forgive and heal man's guilt.*

New Testament Reading: Romans 14 vv 1-12 *St Paul pleads for tolerance – that we should be critical of ourselves rather than of others.*

Gospel: Matthew 18 vv 21-35 *Jesus speaks about forgiveness, illustrating his argument with the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.*

Hymns: 440 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
64 – Be thou my guardian and my guide
310 – We hail thy presence glorious
481 – Jesus, Lord, we look to thee
420 – O Jesus, I have promised

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

*Our flowers have been refreshed this week by Rebecca Matley,
with new flowers donated by Rebecca and Oliver
in memory of Peter Scott*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Tuesday - Friday Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 7.45pm Churches Together in Potters Bar meeting at Christ Church

Thursday *St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Next Sunday we celebrate **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

12 noon Harvest Bring & Share Lunch

5.00pm Evensong

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Parish Notices

HARVEST FESTIVAL is **NEXT SUNDAY**. Our Harvest gifts of produce will be donated to the Open Door homelessness service in St Albans – details of the items required are on the separate flyer. Our gifts of money will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, to support community projects in remote areas of the Philippines.

There will be a **Bring & Share Lunch** at 12 noon. Please sign the list on the noticeboard **TODAY** if you are coming to the lunch and also indicate the food you will be bringing. If you would prefer to pay £8 instead of bringing food - just write a note to this effect on the list.

The Knit and Natter Group will meet in the St Michael's Chapel on **Tuesday 26th September** at 12 noon.

The PCC will meet on **Thursday 28th September** at 8.00pm. Members please note that on this occasion there will be no celebration of the Eucharist beforehand.

We shall be keeping **Sunday 1st October** as our Commitment Sunday.

Looking further ahead ... Our Quiz Night will take place on **Saturday 21st October** at 7.30pm. There is a sheet to sign up for tickets (£10) on the noticeboard.

Watchers & Welcomers Heather Hawkes would be grateful to be notified of any holiday dates during November and December.

We would welcome additional volunteers for this rota, as it is not always possible to cover every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 12 noon with 2 people. Heather will be delighted to give you details about what is involved.

For your prayers :

The sick Fr Jeff Stratton, Tony Moore, Joan Rutter, Nora Wood, Marjorie Zerafs, Jill West, Judy Robertson, Margaret Matthews, Erlene Williams, Vicky, Norma, John Thompson, Jonathan Syms, Steph, Sheila Franklin, Nick, Christopher, Clifford Brown, Jacqueline Thompson

We also remember Marilyn Grosse, Peter Baker, Mollie Brown, Dominic Hilton, Janet Dear, Nicola Stiff, Nick Brindley, Barbara Stratton, Fr Colin Gay, Christopher Schools, Greta Murphy, Jean & Vic Cotton, John Elliott, Molly Hines, Robert, David Evans, Pauline Barclay, Christine Barclay, Jan Davis, Ava

The recently departed

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Walter Scott, Tom Elliott, Gertrude Coverdale

Those preparing for Holy Matrimony Stuart Brown and Caroline Symonds

Our parish We remember those who live in Elmroyd Close, Fairacres Close and Faringford Close

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

The church is open for visitors from **10am to 12 noon**
every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

*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