



St Mary the Virgin & All Saints, Potters Bar

17th February 2019

The Third Sunday before Lent

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**

We welcome Fr Eugene Hanshaw, Curate in the Chipping Barnet Team Ministry, as our celebrant and preacher this morning

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17 vv 5-10 *The prophet speaks of the blessedness of those that trust and seek the Lord their God.*

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15 vv 12-20 *St Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain and our hope in Christ is futile.*

Gospel: Luke 6 vv 17-26 *In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, Jesus focuses on basic attitudes. He wants to ensure right responses to poverty, hunger, sorrow, society and ostracism.*

Hymns: 334 – All people that on earth do dwell
341 – Blest are the pure in heart
297 – Lord Jesus Christ
456 – Teach me, my God and King
467 – Through all the changing scenes of life

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

Our flowers have been arranged by Liz Gordon & Lisa Brett and donated by Margaret & Dennis Terry to give thanks for the birth of their new great granddaughter Alexandra

The Week Ahead

No services of Morning and Evening Prayer this week.

Tuesday No service of Holy Communion today

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
*Celebrant: The Revd Dominic Newstead,
Vicar of Christ Church, Little Heath*

Next Sunday is the **Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

5.00pm Evensong

Next Sunday's readings are: Genesis 2 vv 4b-9, 15-25;
Revelation 4 and Luke 8 vv 22-25.

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

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Parish Notices

A period of silence at the start of the Parish Eucharist commences at the moment the bell is rung. When the second bell rings, the first hymn will begin.

This Wednesday, there is an invitation to join the Community Club meeting at the Baptist Church at 2.00pm when the speaker will be Tim Neal from "Through the Roof" – a charity which helps people with disabilities both here and abroad. If anyone has wheelchairs, walking sticks or crutches which they would like to donate to this charity, please contact Vera Eccleshall on 651470 or Di Travers on 656311.

The Knit and Natter Group will meet on **Tuesday 26th February** at 12 noon in the small hall.

The World Day of Prayer led by women is **Friday 1st March**. Please do support the service at King Charles the Martyr Church at **10.00am** that day. This year the service has been written by the women of Slovenia. Women, men and children are all welcome!

We shall be holding a **Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 3rd March** at 12 noon. If you would like to come, please sign the list on the noticeboard, indicating what food you are able to bring. Alternatively, you may prefer to pay for the lunch - in which case, please indicate this next to your name.

The next recital is on **Tuesday 5th March** at 12.30pm when the performer will be flautist Gavin Stewart.

The season of **Lent** will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday is **6th March**. There will be celebrations of the Eucharist on that day at **10.00am** and **8.00pm**, both with imposition of ashes. The devotion "**Stations of the Cross**" will take place on Friday lunchtimes during Lent at 12.30pm, beginning on **Friday 8th March**. And there will be Lent study groups – more details to follow.

We are planning to cancel our annual order of plastic cups and use china mugs instead. If you are interested in making a donation towards a set of **St Mary's mugs** (example on the table at the back of church) we could do a bulk order of these which should last for some years. The approximate cost of each mug is **£5**. Please sign the list on the table if you would be happy to make a donation towards one or more.

Could **Watchers and Welcomers** please give any holiday dates for April and May to Heather Hawkes?

For your prayers :

The sick Margaret Bowers, Neo Notley, Sheila Franklin, David Evans, Vicky, Betty Cole, Joyce

We also remember Peter Baker, Joan Rutter, Nicola Stiff, Nora Wood, Marjorie Zeffahs, Dominic Hilton, Nick Brindley, Barbara Stratton, Vera Stylianou, Christopher Schools, Greta Murphy, Molly Hines, Christine Barclay

The recently departed Bernard Wood

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Henry Tolman, John Smith, Terry Cox, Alma Randall, Doris Clinnick, Honey Lockwood

Our parish We remember those who live in Sunnybank Road, Tavistock Close and Tempest Avenue

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