

Welcome

Sunday, 9 September, 2018

Patronal Festival

The Blessed Virgin Mary (white)

EAST BARNET 
PARISH CHURCH
St Mary the Virgin

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Mary was a 1st-century Jewish woman of Nazareth and became the mother of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. She was present at the Crucifixion and was a member of the early Christian community in Jerusalem. She has been venerated since the very earliest days of Christianity. Mary also has a revered place in Islam: a whole chapter of the Qur'an is devoted to her.

10.00am Parish Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, and Sunday Club

The Rev'd Richard Watson, Vicar of St Saviour's, St Albans, will be leading our worship this morning

10.00am Parish Eucharist

¶ Opening hymn

17 All people that on earth do dwell

¶ Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

¶ First Reading

Isaiah 7.10-14

¶ Psalm 113

- 1 Alleluia. Give praise, you servants of the Lord, O praise the name of the Lord.
- 2 **Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.**
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 **The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.**
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, that has his throne so high, yet humbles himself to behold the things of heaven and earth?
- 6 **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ashes,**
- 7 To set them with princes, with the princes of his people.
- 8 **He gives the barren woman a place in the house and makes her a joyful mother of children.**
Alleluia.

¶ Second reading

Galatians 4.4-7

¶ Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Greetings, favoured one. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Alleluia

¶ Gospel

Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

¶ Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection will be taken

551 When morning gilds the skies

¶ Choir anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

¶ Post Communion Prayer

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience, and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

¶ Closing hymn

362 t1 O for a thousand tongues to sing



¶ Please pray for

Our Wardens, Curate, Reader, Parish Administrator and PCC, and all those involved in caring for us in the vacancy and in finding a new Rector.

All victims of war, natural disasters, famine, and refugees; the emergency services.

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Trevor and Luke; Janet; Don, Jilly and family; Deborah and family; Joan; Mike and Gwyneth; David; Roy; Pauline; Vivienne; Janet; David, Sheila, Anna and Ilona; Audrey and Frank; Jill; Sandra; Michael and Susan; Carmen

R.I.P.:

Paul Gudaniec, Marjorie Seagroatt

Anniversary of death

Linda Eade, Violet Hutton, James Ward, Raymond Newman

Those living in:

Daneland, Dene Road, Derwent Avenue

¶ The Vacancy Prayer

God of our past, present and future, you call us to follow in faith, with confidence in your abiding presence. Be with us in this time of vacancy, and prepare us for a new chapter in our ministry together in Christ's name. Give wisdom and discernment to those who act on our behalf, that your will may be done to the glory of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen

¶ August/September Herald

The new edition of the Herald is now on the church website and can be accessed via a link from the home page. Paper copies of the Herald are available at the back of church for those who do not have computers. Many thanks to Matthew Eade and to all contributors.

¶ Church Diaries for 2019

The new Church Diaries are at the back of church. Please take one for yourself, or for someone else who would appreciate one. If you would like to make a donation for it, we suggest £1.

Notices & Information

¶ Fall into Autumn on 16 September!

Our Fall into Autumn concert series begins next Sunday at 3pm with **Enfield Brass Band** performing a wide range of music written or arranged for brass. Judging by their previous concerts, this will be something for everyone, and not to be missed. Admission and programme cost £5 at the door and there will be refreshments available. Many thanks to Alan and Lesley Danson for organising these concerts.

¶ Toddler Praise

Toddler Praise will return on **Monday 29 October at the new time of 9.30am**. If you can help in any way with the preparations for the service, please speak to Claire or Chris (contact details overleaf).

¶ “The Nativity”

There will be a meeting after church on Sunday 16th September for all those who have expressed an interest so far in the planned production of The Nativity in December. There are opportunities for any more adults and KS 3 and 4 young people who might like to be included. Contact John Savage 07958013432 or john.savage@hotmail.co.uk with any questions.

¶ Staging

We want to renovate staging inherited from our church school to use for our production of The Nativity and importantly our children's annual Crib Service. Each of the 18 pieces of staging will cost £20 to renovate with new safer tops. You are invited to contribute to this and/or offer practical help.

Offers please to church wardens or John Savage.

¶ Harvest Supper

Our Partnership Harvest Supper will take place here on **Saturday September 22nd, 7 for 7.30 to 10pm**. **Cost £10 Child £5** to include supper and music from Rockin' Bones band who entertained us last year and who return by popular request. Bring your own drinks. Write your names on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church and buy your tickets from the church wardens or the parish office.

The Partnership Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 23 September at Brookside Methodist Church at 10.45am. As usual, we will be collecting tins and packets of food for use by the food bank, and by Homeless Action in Barnet.

¶ Church School admission

Parents and guardians of children who will be applying for admission to church schools should sign in the book confirming their attendance at our Sunday services, to support their application. The book is available from a Churchwarden.

¶ Table Top Sale 13 October

We will be having another Table Top Sale in October, in church on **Saturday 13th, between 2 and 4 pm**. If you would like a table, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible - the tables cost £10 each. It is a good time to have a clear out, but if you don't want to have a stall, do donate things to the church stall to sell. Make a note of the date in your diaries, come along and bring your friends - there are always good bargains available, and Christmas is coming!

¶ Chipping Barnet Food Bank

Currently, the food bank has the following shortages:

Tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, shampoo, shower gel.

They have plenty of pasta. Donations can be placed in the box in the South Aisle or a box in the atrium at Brookside.

The food bank also hopes to distribute **hats and scarves** to its clients (men, women and children) to help them keep warm in the winter months, and would need these by **25 November**, in the same boxes as above. If you would like to provide some, the website <https://www.loveknitting.com/free-knitting-patterns> has some useful ones, or do use the patterns you are familiar with.

Thank you for your kind help to local people in crisis.

¶ Justice and Peace Group

The local Justice and Peace group is ecumenical and discusses and takes action on various social justice and environmental issues. It does not currently have a representative from our church, and it would be very good if someone could do this. It meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at St John's URC Hall, New Barnet, between 8 and 10pm. If you would like to see minutes of recent meetings for more information, please speak to Helen Tolhurst or Margaret.

Notices & Information

¶ Next Sunday 16 September 2018

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (green)

10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club

¶ Autumn Teaching Course

This autumn the Partnership will be exploring different churches' approaches to the Bible. We will be meeting at Brookside at 8pm on Thursday 27 September, and 4, 11 and 18 October.

Lorna Oakes, from Brookside Methodist Church, has offered to lead an outing to the British Museum at 10.30am on Saturday 28 September to look at "The Bible in the British Museum." We will meet at the rear entrance. Donation of £5 to church funds. Do come if you are able to.

¶ Pastoral Visiting Training

Thursday 4, 11, 18 October and 1, 8 November 2018 7.30-9.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, High Barnet, EN5 4BW

Led by Marion Archibald (from St Andrews), Laurie Little and Geoff Nicholson (from St John the Baptist)

The course, which most of our current team went on a couple of years ago, aims to support and equip anyone who is seeking to share Christ's love and compassion with those they meet. Further information and application forms are at the back of church - **do apply as soon as possible if you wish to take part.**

¶ This week

Monday 10 September

1.30pm Monday Club at Brookside
8.00pm Prayers and PCC

Tuesday 11 September

9.30am Staff prayers and meeting
8.00pm Adult choir practice

Wednesday 12 September

4.00pm Junior Choir practice at Brookside

Thursday 13 September

9.30am Little Tots group at Brookside
10.45am Holy Communion at Brookside
5.45pm Brownies at Brookside
7.30pm Guides at Brookside

¶ The Children's Society Coffee Morning and Box Opening

Saturday 6th October 2018 10.00 - 12.30

at Brookside Methodist Church Coffee Lounge and Hall, with cakes & preserves, Bring & Buy, Christmas cards and raffle. Everybody welcome.

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