

# east barnet parish church

## st mary the virgin

### **Sunday Worship at St Mary's – A Statement of Current Practice**

Services at St Mary's draw on a range of traditional and contemporary sources, reflecting the diversity of the people who worship here, and their differing ages, needs & preferences. Music, colour, language, movement & symbolism all play an important part in our worship, as we use all our senses to respond to God.

#### **1. Sung Eucharist, 10am**

- Seasonal liturgy booklets, drawn from *Common Worship* (Order 1) are used every week, with the exception of the first Sunday of the month (all-age service) and Festivals and special occasions, when a separate order of service is printed.
- Vestments are worn according to the seasonal colour.
- Incense is used on Festivals and special occasions.
- There is usually President and Deacon, and on festivals and special occasions they are assisted by a Sub Deacon.
- The Choir assist in the leading or worship, using *The East Barnet Mass* as the Communion setting.
- The current hymn book is *Hymns Old & New*, but when possible it is desirable to obtain a new hymn book to better serve our worship.

#### **2. All Age Eucharist, 10am first Sunday of the month**

- This uses the Common Worship seasonal liturgy as its basis, but only includes the Gospel Reading, aiming to last no longer than an hour.
- The liturgy is usually led by the priest alone, wearing alb and stole.
- Members of "Sunday's Cool" are encouraged to make a contribution to leading the service when appropriate.

#### **3. Messy Mass, 10am quarterly**

- Messy Mass is a craft-based service for all ages but aimed primarily at the 4-11 age group
- The music is led informally by a group of musicians, although typically would only use one or two songs/hymns
- The President may wear alb or no robes, but wears a stole for the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion.

#### **4. Evensong, Sunday 6.30pm**

- Evening Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer 1662* is considered to be the 'staple' evening service, and is led by the Officiant and Choir using liturgy booklets.
- The versicles and responses are usually sung, and the appointed Psalm sung using Anglican Chant
- The hymn book used is *New English Hymnal*
- From All Saints to Candlemas, the service begins with *The Blessing of the Light*, and incense is burned.
- On Festivals and special occasions, the Solemn Evensong is held, using incense at the beginning of the service and during the Magnificat.

#### **5. Broken, 7pm every second Sunday of the month**

- Broken is St Mary's alternative worship, using computer based multi-media projection and interactive prayer stations, followed by refreshments.
- It is usually an informal Communion service.
- The priest does not usually wear robes.
- From time to time the service may simply follow an established liturgy (e.g. the ancient office of Night Prayer).