

## St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Potters Bar

29th January 2012

### The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

*We have a Family Room at the back of church (with toys & books) for parents to use with their children, if they so wish. Please stay to supervise your children – the service is relayed into the room. Thank you.*

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

#### TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

10.00am **PARISH COMMUNION**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 *Moses tells the Israelites that God will raise up a prophetic spokesman to reveal His will.*

New Testament Reading: Revelation 12: 1-5a *The vision of the woman, the child and the dragon portrays the conflict between Christ and Satan.*

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28 *Jesus teaches in the synagogue with authority – an authority quite unlike that of the scribes.*

**Hymns:** 205, 137, 352, 385, 321

12.30pm **Holy Baptism** – Terry Peter Biggs

6.30pm **United Songs of Praise** at Our Lady and St Vincent Roman Catholic Church

*Our flowers have been donated by Joan & Ron Golden and arranged by Ann Goldfinch & Liz Gordon*

### The Week Ahead

Tuesday **Charles, King & Martyr (transferred)**

9.30am Holy Communion

12 noon Knit and Natter group meets in the St Michael's Chapel

Wednesday 10am Oakmere School Year 2 visit church

Thursday **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00pm Parish Strategy meeting at the Vicarage

**Next Sunday** is our main celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (**CANDLEMAS**)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**

Our readings next Sunday are: Malachi 3 vv 1-5; Hebrews 2 vv 14-18 and Luke 2 vv 22-40.

If you are a UK taxpayer but not a member of our planned giving scheme, we would be grateful if you would use a yellow Gift Aid envelope for your collection. Envelopes are available from the sidesmen.

**Looking for a venue?** To hire St Mary's Hall, please contact James Matley on 07880 860750. To hire church meeting rooms, please contact Geoff Foster on 01707 658837

## Parish Notices

The next lunchtime recital is on **Tuesday 7th February** at 12.30pm, when we shall be joined by organist Andrew West. Light lunches will be served from 12 noon.

Our next fundraising event will be on **Saturday 11th February** at 7.15pm - "Simply Come Dancing" (Ballroom & Latin). Tickets are £10, including supper. Please see the noticeboard for details and to sign up for tickets.

**The Children's Society** Could those with collecting boxes please bring them to church? *Jenny Ruddle*

Any spare knitting wool you can find would be gratefully received by members of the Knit and Natter Group who busy themselves knitting for charity at a lunchtime monthly get-together at church. The next meeting is **this Tuesday** at 12 noon. Please contact Marilyn (658474) or Heather (659938) if you can help.

**Watchers & Welcomers** - please let Heather know of any dates in March & April when you will be unavailable.

**Lent** begins on **Wednesday 22nd February**, Ash Wednesday, when there will be services at 10.00am and 8.00pm. More details about Lent to follow soon.

Looking further ahead ... We will be holding a "Well-Being Evening" on **Friday 23rd March** at 7.15pm – with a 2 course supper followed by breathing and relaxation techniques (led by an experienced tutor). There will also be a Bring and Buy sale. Offers of items for sale would be appreciated - please speak to Jenny or Ann. See the noticeboard for further details and to sign up.

**Donations of raffle prizes** for our next two fund raising events in February and March would be very much appreciated.

There are new **Suttons Fundraiser catalogues** in the narthex for gardeners in the congregation. For every £5 of plants or seeds ordered, £1 goes to the church.

### For your prayers :

**The sick** Hester McMullen, Mary Embleton, Cyril Waterlow, Nancy Brewster, Christine Moore, Barbara Jenkins, Rita, Mollie Brown, Fr Tim O'Connor, Tony O'Sullivan, Molly Hines, Hilary Joel, Hannah Deakin, Keith Gray, Vanessa Mal, George Lowe, Joyce, Sue Amabilino, Fr Harry Ogden, Michael

**We also remember** Hilary Davis, Marjorie Schofield, Nicola Stiff, Gwen Reyre, Margaret Cox, Beryl Johnson, Helen, Giles Duley, Alan Freed, Peter Twyman, Nancy Harris, Nicola Freeman, Marjorie Zerfahs, Susan Carlyle, Susan Brown, Noreen Davies, Michelle Gomez, Clifford Brown, Maria Allen, Kathleen Keery, Peter Sharp, Ron Upton, Malcolm & Michelle McCaw, Ellie Monk

#### The recently departed

#### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Peter Dyer, Walter Fox, Len Field, Paul Tracey, Fr Robert Stephens, Albert Russell, Walter Purdie, Fr Richard Rainsford, Leslie Foster, Alma Frost

**Our parish** We remember those who live in The Byway, Carpenter Way and Causeway Close

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**Items for next week's sheet to Richard Osborn (Tel: 07803 756088 / e-mail: rmosborn@hotmail.com) by Thursday**  
Please let Father Peter know about illnesses or any other emergencies affecting parishioners.

**THIS NEWS SHEET IS FOR YOU TO KEEP - PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU**