

WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's Bennetts End

	Today Sun 5 July	Next week Sun 12 July	Diary for this week (from 6 July)
10.00am	All Age Service via Zoom	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	MONDAY
Presiding	Richard Howlett & Bishop Michael	Richard Howlett	10am-12 Working Party at St M's
Welcomers	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	12 – 5pm Bishop Michael's visit
1st Reading	Sue Jakeman	Alison Murray	7pm St M's PCC mtg with Bishop Michael (Zoom)
2nd Reading	Fiona Shirley	Iffy Nkenke	WEDNESDAY
Gospel	Tyler Leyman	Carole Camp	4.30pm Wardens/vicar/sec meeting via Zoom
Intercessions	Bob Day	Laura G-Brown	THURSDAY
Music on flute	Melanie Henley	Melanie Henley	09.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Sunday School	Peter Bladon plus others	Peter Bladon plus others	10.15am Study group via Zoom
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	8.00pm Study group via Zoom
Later	Messy Church 3pm	Evening Prayer in St Mary's 6.30pm	FRIDAY
			10am-12 Socially distanced Working Party at St M's
			SATURDAY
			10.00am Saturday Café via Zoom

<p>St B's Collect for Growth Dear God, fill our hearts with your love and the glow of your Holy Spirit. Grow this church family within our community and let your good news spread. Amen.</p>	<p>St M's Collect for Growth Dear Lord, please help us grow St Mary's Church. As we grow in love of you, draw new people week by week into this church family. May we show your love to all, within and beyond our walls. In Jesus' name. Amen</p>
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Notices	
<p>While our two churches are worshipping together via Zoom on Sunday mornings, we are using a combined bulletin.</p> <p>Please contribute information, dates, notices etc. The more we're sent, the more useful it will be!</p> <p>Please email items to stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com by 12.00 noon each Friday.</p>	
<p>Welcome to Bishop Michael of Hertford. We are delighted that the Bishop is involved with our service today. All being well he will preside over part of the service from within St Mary's Church.</p> <p>Tomorrow 6th July, Bishop Michael will be visiting the vicarage and then spending some time at Nash Mills C of E school. Following that he will be meeting the church wardens in the vicarage garden. Finally, he will meet St M's PCC by Zoom at 7pm.</p> <p>On Mon 13th July, Bishop Michael will meet St B's PCC via Zoom at 7pm.</p> <p>We still have all the usual expenses to pay. So, if there is any way you could make your usual weekly offering electronically or by cheque, please contact: St M's Treasurer, Peter Bladon, on 01442 257108 or bladon2010@btinternet.com or St B's Treasurer, Alison Murray on alisonj.murray@btinternet.com</p> <p>Any donations would also be very warmly welcomed, however small or large! This can now also be done via the new donation button on St M's webpage (and coming shortly to St B's page).</p>	<p>St Mary's re-opened for private prayer on Friday. Currently it is to be open from 10am to at least 4pm on Mondays and Fridays.</p> <p>All are MOST welcome in a socially distanced way, but please read all the signs and use the hand sanitiser in order that we all stay safe.</p> <p>Two very important points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please only have 1 person at a time in the porch • No-one may use the toilets or kitchen yet. <p>Oxygen Recovery Service (Nascent House) Thank you to everyone who responded and has continued to supply us with donations for the Welcome Boxes for the Oxygen Recovery Service. During the recent period of lockdown, we have been able to carry on supplying everything that we have been asked for which has shown our determination to support this initiative in such difficult circumstances.</p> <p>If you would like to change your donation or would like more information about this work please contact Viv Hagel (Vivian.hagel@ntlworld.com) or Susan Rivett (rivetts@aol.com).</p> <p>The long-planned re-decorating etc in the refectory at St M's is now scheduled to start on 13 July with new flooring coming shortly afterwards. It should all be nice and fresh for when we are able to use it again.</p>
<p>Further Dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 July Routine PCC meeting for St M's (via Zoom) • 22 July Fabric committee meeting 7pm (via Zoom) • 25 July Communications team meeting 10.15 am (via Zoom) 	

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

11.16-19, 25-30

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

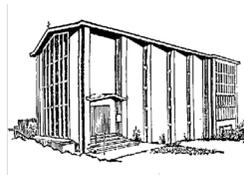
At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings to study at your leisure, is for you to take home. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.

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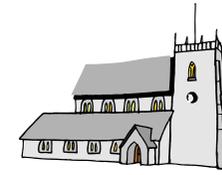
St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5th July 2020

The Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world;
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**



**Weekly newsletter from Richard Howlett,
Team Vicar with special responsibility for
St Benedict's, Bennett's End and
St Mary's, Apsley End.**

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Dear Friends

This Sunday 5th July will be very special: **Bishop Michael with us at our joint 10am service, on Zoom.** We look forward to welcoming as many worshippers as possible online for this occasion. Bishop Michael will also join Messy Church on Zoom at 3pm. At 5pm we are all invited once again to come onto the streets to clap the courageous and committed women and men of the **NHS** as we celebrate its birthday.

On Monday 6th, Bishop Michael will visit Nash Mills C of E school and then meet churchwardens and a few others before returning home and joining St Mary's PCC on Zoom in the evening. On 13th July Bishop Michael will meet St Benedict's PCC members online, and we will look forward to that time, too.

I've just come to the end of a very trying five days. My printer stopped 'talking' to my other devices on Sunday. Every diagnostic tool failed to resolve the issue. (Those of you who do not 'do' computers will only have to imagine that it can be very time-consuming and exhausting, as available time runs out and the next work appointment comes round, still with no solution....) In the end, we were saved by a patient man in

another country on a very crackly phone line. Even when the line went down, he would phone again. I was reminded of how God reached out to humanity patiently over the centuries. As John tells us in his first Epistle: "This is love. He loved us before we loved him. It was his love, not ours." (1 John 4) God's patient, enduring love kept reaching out despite the 'breakdowns' in our keeping his commandments, and our desire to follow our own ways, rather than His. In the end, it was only his intervention that saved us, by sending His son, Jesus, to be our intermediary - the one in whom we could know God, and the one who by his life laid down, restored our connection as sons and daughters of God (2 Corinthians 6.18).

St Mary's is now open for private prayer Monday and Fridays, 10am to 4pm. We hope soon to have it open for Sunday worship, but the numbers able to attend when that time comes will be very limited owing to the Coronavirus regulations and the consequent risk assessment. In the meantime, some of us continue to share with one another socially distanced, and through telephone, and the written word, and on line, and we rejoice that our lines of communication to God are always open, and are not dependent on internet or an open building, but through God's Spirit available 24/7 to each of us.

Love and prayers,

Richard and Katherine.