

WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	Today Sun 10 May	Next week Sun 17 May	Diary for this week (from 11 May)
10.00am	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	Sung Eucharist from Kings Langley via Zoom	
Presiding	Richard Howlett	James McDonald	MONDAY <u>12.00</u> Midday prayers via YouTube <u>9.30pm</u> Compline via YouTube
Welcomers	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	TUESDAY <u>12.30</u> Midday prayers via YouTube <u>7.00pm</u> PCC meeting St M's via Zoom <u>9.30pm</u> Compline via YouTube
1 st Reading	Banke Onabamiro		WEDNESDAY <u>12.00</u> Midday prayers via YouTube <u>4.30pm</u> Wardens/Vicar/Secretary meeting via Zoom <u>7.30pm</u> PCC meeting St B's via Zoom <u>9.30pm</u> Compline via YouTube
2 nd Reading	Joy West	None this week as being done by KL folk	THURSDAY <u>12.00</u> Midday prayers via YouTube <u>09.30am</u> Morning Prayer via Zoom <u>10.15am</u> Study group via Zoom <u>8.00pm</u> Study Group via Zoom <u>9.30pm</u> Compline via YouTube
Intercessions	Alison Murray		FRIDAY SATURDAY <u>10.00am</u> Community Café via Zoom
Music	Melanie Henley on flute		
Sunday School	Peter & Laura	Peter & Laura	
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	

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.**

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.**

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 (Mon & Wed 7.30am-2.30pm, Thurs 12.00pm-3.00pm, Fri 11.00am-2:30pm)

Notices

To include a notice, event or people for prayer in this bulletin email stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com by 12.00 noon each Friday

While our 2 churches are worshipping together via Zoom on Sunday mornings, **We thought we would try combining us into the one bulletin.** Please all feel free to send in information, dates, notices etc. The more we're sent, the more useful it will be!

Logon details for the Zoom events can be found in the calendar on the St Mary's page of the benefice website. There is also a link to the Order of Service on Sundays in the same place.

YouTube events can be found at <https://bit.ly/2ydl8cv>

Rather than printing out the Order of Service each week, we recommend that you have it open on your device as well as Zoom and swap between the two windows as needed.

Further Dates for your diary:

- 23 May 10.15am Bible Readers' Workshop
- 6 June 10.15am Intercessors' Workshop

Mike & Jean Chrisp write: **It has been agreed that we should produce the June Benefice Newsletter.** Please send contributions to us at mikeandjean23@btinternet.com as soon as possible but no later than 17 May. We are very grateful for all the kindness we have received and **would like to hear about your experiences** during this difficult time. **Rainbows** would be particularly welcome as well as **VE Day stories**: how did you celebrate? Any photos of flags? Any stories of relatives?

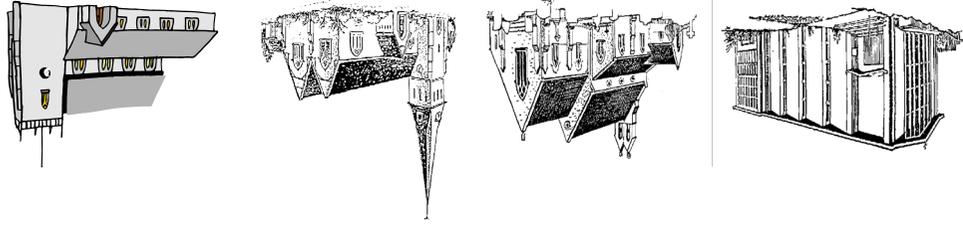
Although our churches are closed at the moment, **we still have most of the usual expenses to pay.** If there is any way you could make your usual weekly offering electronically or by cheque, please contact St M's Treasurer, Peter Bladon, on 01442 257108 or bladon2010@btinternet.com or St B's, Alison Murray on alisonj.murray@btinternet.com

Janet Wright 9-May-20

Praise God for:

Thanks be to God for our Queen who continues to give such an inspiring example of steadfast service to us all.

The Benefice of Langley!



St Benedict's, Bennetts End

Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green

St Mary's, Apsley

All Saints, Kings Langley

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Collect

Risen Christ,
 your wounds declare your love for the world
 and the wonder of your risen life:
 give us compassion and courage
 to risk ourselves for those we serve,
 to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

7. 55-end

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

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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10th May 2020

A reading from the first letter of Peter

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Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priest-hood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14: 1-14

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Phillip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Phillip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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



**Weekly newsletter from Richard Howlett,
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St Benedict's, Bennett's End and St
Mary's, Apsley End.**

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Dear Friends

I hope you are still managing well in the continuing Lockdown.

Several events occur in May, and St Mary's and St Benedict's churches are working to celebrate them within the restrictions under which we all find ourselves. To mention just a couple:

Christian Aid Week begins this Sunday. Christian Aid are especially concerned about the devastating impact Covid 19 will have on communities where there are inadequate hygiene and medical facilities. Places like Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh host over 800,000 refugees who fled brutal repression in neighbouring Myanmar. Help for such people will undoubtedly save many lives. The Christian Aid website has details about this and other current appeals. Perhaps you'd like to host a virtual coffee morning or quiz or something similar with a few friends to raise some money?

My sincere thanks, to all who are contributing to our weekly worship, with vital technical support, music and readings and prayers. It's been very moving to connect with you on Zoom. If anyone needs help

connecting please give us a call. We can't promise to solve your issues, but we will certainly try!

On Sunday 17th May we will have a chance to worship with Father James McDonald, as we will join up electronically with the worship at All Saints King's Langley. As usual joining instructions will be on the calendar.

Thy Kingdom Come runs from Ascension Day (21st May) until Pentecost (31st May). At the time of writing we are thinking of having various on-line activities including for families. The Night of Prayer won't be held this year, but we hope to have a day of events on Saturday 30th May, beginning with Morning Prayer and running through until Evening Prayer. Final times to be decided. We want to get more people involved this year. Maybe you would like to host a 'prayer activity' of some kind for half an hour in your home on Zoom? Have a look at the Thy Kingdom Come resources on line :www.thykingdomcome.global

Have you tried the Church of England telephone line 'Daily Hope' to bring music, reflections and worship especially if you cannot access things online? Tel 0800 804 8044 (24 hrs a day)

Katherine and I shall be taking a few days leave-from Thursday 14th to Thursday 21st May.

With our love and prayers

Richard and Katherine