

WELCOME TO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	Today Sun 19 July	Next week Sun 26 July	Diary for this week
10am	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	All Age service in St M's & on Zoom	MONDAY 20 July 10am-12 Working Party at St M's 7.00pm PCC meeting St M's via Zoom
Presiding	Richard Howlett	Richard Howlett	TUESDAY 7.00pm St B's PCC meeting with Bishop Michael
Welcomers	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	WEDNESDAY 7.00pm Fabric committee meeting via Zoom
1st Reading	Temidara Osibodu	(tbc)	THURSDAY 09.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
2nd Reading	Adrian Whalley	(tbc)	10.15am Study group via Zoom
Gospel	Sylvia Low	(tbc)	5.00pm Wardens/vicar/sec meeting via Zoom
Intercessions	Carole Camp	Bob Day	8.00pm Study group via Zoom
Music	Melanie Henley on flute	(tbc)	FRIDAY 10am-12 Working Party at St M's
Sunday School	Peter Bladon plus others	Peter Bladon plus others	SATURDAY 10.00am Saturday Café via Zoom
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	10:15am Comms team mtg Zoom
12.00 noon	No service	Said Communion in St M's & on 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

While our two churches are worshipping together via Zoom on Sunday mornings, we are using a combined bulletin.

Please contribute information, dates, notices etc.
The more we're sent, the more useful it will be!
Please email items to stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com by 12.00 noon each Friday.

TODAY's service is a belated celebration of St B's patronal festival.

St Mary's is open for private prayer from 10am to at least 4pm on Mondays and Fridays. **St Benedict's will also be open for private prayer** on Wednesdays from 8am to 4pm from 22 July.

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.

Bishop Michael's meeting with St B's PCC via Zoom has been postponed to 21st July at 7pm.

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
St B's Treasurer, Alison Murray on alisonj.murray@btinternet.com

Any donations would also be very warmly welcomed, however small or large! This can also be done via the new **donation buttons on both St B's and St M's webpages.**

DENS latest newsletter is available [here](#) (or via a link in the St M's webpage). There is lots of positive information about how they are restarting projects and services, all well worth reading.

We are planning to hold two services next Sunday morning in St M's and on Zoom (all age at 10am & said communion at 12). However, to comply with social distancing, it is essential that you book if you wish to attend in person. **Please book** either by emailing stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com or by phoning Dan Shirley on 07946 736267.

DENS foodbank is running very low on tinned ham, tinned corned beef, sponge puddings, custard, tinned fruit, shampoo, conditioner and cleaning sprays, and would really welcome donations which can be left in their box at Sainsbury's.

There is to be 'Taize@home' 27 July to 1st Aug. Please see details on St M's webpage if interested. 'A wonderful opportunity to have a taster of Taize in the comfort of our homes'

CAP (Christians against Poverty) in HH are looking for a new manager. Please look for the information on St M's webpage if interested.

Also with CAP, Janet Wright is helping to deliver a new 'CAP money course' online starting Tuesday 21 July. This teaches a very straightforward system to enable people to keep their finances under control. Please hold the delegates (& teachers!) in your prayers.

The **re-decorating etc in the refectory at St M's** has been delayed again, hopefully now to start on 27 July with new flooring coming shortly afterwards. It should all be nice and fresh for when we can use it again.

Janet Wright 18-Jul-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

8.12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

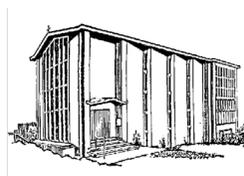
13.24-30, 36-43

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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

The Benefice of Langelei



St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

19th July 2020

The Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.

44.6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one..

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

**Edition 15 (Sixth Sunday after Trinity)
19th July 2020**

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Dear Friends

I hope you and your loved ones are all keeping well.

Lizzie Hood has asked me to bring to your attention that St Albans, Birmingham and Hereford Diocese have come together to create Taizé @ Home, as an alternative way of experiencing Taizé from home, for those who love Taizé but are unable to travel this year, and also an opportunity for everyone to experience a Taster of Taizé in their own homes.

There will be two daily services on Facebook Live (8am and 12pm) and an afternoon youth bible discussion on Zoom led by Bishop Michael (from St Albans) and an evening adult Bible discussion on Zoom, led by Bishop Richard (from Hereford). This is open to ALL people of all ages. Details can be found via the benefice website.

Sunday worship-alteration.

I regret that it has been necessary to postpone the first Sunday service in church at St Benedict's owing to illness. This prevented us from opening on Wednesday 15th, as we had to exercise proper caution in the current pandemic. I am sorry for any disappointment. **This Sunday's service will be broadcast from the Vicarage, and we shall especially be**

remembering St Benedict. A copy of the Order of Service is attached for those receiving a paper copy of this letter at home.

St Benedict's will now open for the first time on **Wednesday 22nd July**, from 9am to 4pm for private prayer. Please observe the notices about hygiene if you do come to church, for your safety and that of other people.

Sun 26th July. There will be a Family Service at 10am streamed from St Mary's. After that service, there will a **short said service of Holy Communion at 12 midday**. It is vital that we know who is intending to come to each service, so that we can ensure that the limited places available can be allocated. Toilets sadly will be off limits while building work goes on in the refectory. Please contact Dan Shirley on Tel. 248756 or 07946 736267 or email us at stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com to confirm who is coming from your household. **Sunday 2nd August** St Benedict's are invited to join Holy Trinity as they stream a service from church. Meanwhile, Revd Jos Perris will be presiding at a service from St Mary's church. Those intending to come must, as always, register beforehand.

Finally, warm congratulations to Dave and Winn Penn from St Benedict's for their diamond wedding anniversary, which they celebrated while caravanning. I called round recently and said prayers with the happy couple at their porch. Congratulations to any other parishioners who are celebrating special anniversaries.

Love and prayers,

Richard and Katherine.