

WELCOME TO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	Today Sun 20 Dec	Christmas Day Fri 25 Dec	Next week Sun 27 Dec	Diary this week w/c 21 December
8am	No Service	No Service	No Service	MONDAY 10-12 Working Party at St M's
10am	Eucharist in St Benedict's & on Zoom	Eucharist in St Mary's & on Zoom	Non-Eucharistic service in St Benedict's & on Zoom	WEDNESDAY 4.15pm Wardens+ Meeting on Zoom
Presiding	Bob Day & Richard Howlett	Richard Howlett	Bob Day	THURSDAY (Christmas Eve) 9am-1pm St M's open for private prayer
Warden	Tbc	Rosemary Bladon	Tbc	9.30am No Morning Prayer St M's
Sides-people	Tbc	Adwoa & Fiona Shirley	Tbc	10.15am No Bible Study St M's
Welcomer	Tbc	Peter Bladon	Tbc	3pm Crib Service on Zoom
Reading	Melanie Henley	Janet Wright	Enitan Onabamiro Sue Jakeman	8.00pm No Study Group on Zoom
Gospel	Bob Day	Alison Murray	-	FRIDAY (Christmas Day) 10am Christmas Eucharist St M's & on Zoom
Inter-cessions	Enitan Onabamiro	Fiona Shirley	Katharine Howlett	SATURDAY 10.00am Saturday Café on Zoom
11.15am	Sunday School on Zoom	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	
Afternoon	3pm Messy Church on Zoom	No Service	No Service	

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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Notices

While our two churches are worshipping together on Sunday mornings, we are using a combined bulletin. Please email information, dates, notices etc to: stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com by 12.00 noon each Wednesday.

Our Crib Service will take place via Zoom on Christmas Eve at 3pm. Log-in to see & hear the Christmas story unfold in St M's. Why not dress up at home as your favourite Nativity figure? Details on the calendar.

On Christmas Day, if you are able to join the service on Zoom, please consider doing so in order to leave space for those who can't 'Zoom' and for visitors.

St M's church continues to be **OPEN on Thursdays for private prayer from approx 9.30am-3.00pm (1pm on Christmas Eve)**.

While in Covid Tier 2 we are running combined 'in church' & 'on Zoom' services. Check the St Mary's calendar.

It is still important to **book a place if you wish to attend either church in person**.
 For St M's: by phone 07946 736267 or by email stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com.
 For St B's: by email enitanonabamiro@gmail.com.

Christmas cards are still available: £3 for 10 cards, 5 of each design. Email requests for cards (St M's email above). Packs of cards can be collected from Manorville Road, or delivered if you are unable to pick them up.

Are there residents local to you who would appreciate a card from St M's? Please let us know (St M's email above).

The Christmas Hamper Raffle is still running until it is drawn at the start of Messy Church today at 3pm. Please **email** gemmawiggains@yahoo.co.uk for tickets (£1 each) & **pay via the 'Donate to St Mary's'** button on the website. Details & photos are available [here](#) & via Facebook or the website. It would be great to have lots of support. Thank you to Gemma W & Helen B for their fundraising work recently.

Oxygen Recovery at Nascent House
 We will be providing a Christmas hamper of seasonal goodies. If you can contribute (nothing containing alcohol), contact Susan Rivett: 07908 644600 / rivetts@aol.com or Viv Hagel: 01442 394657 / vivian.hagel@ntlworld.com

On the 24th Dec there will be NO Midnight service at St M's or St B's but other services are available on-line. Please watch the online calendar for details.

Richard has some large print copies of the **'Comfort and Joy' booklet**. Please contact him if you would like one.

On Christmas Day **our organist has kindly been sponsored** by Ralph & Melanie Henley in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to sponsor an organist, do let your treasurer Peter or Alison know.

If you usually leave Christmas cards in the church for other church members to pick up, please could you send them direct to those people this year as so few people can actually get into the church to pick things up.