

# WELCOME TO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	Today Sun 27 Dec	Next week Sun 3 Jan	Diary this week w/c 28 December
8am	No Service	No Service	<b>MONDAY</b> 10-12 No Working Party at St M's
10am	<b>Non-Eucharistic service in St Benedict's &amp; on Zoom</b>	<b>Eucharist in St Mary's &amp; on Zoom</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4.15pm Wardens+ Meeting on Zoom
Presiding	Bob Day	Richard Howlett	<b>THURSDAY</b> 9am-3pm St M's open for private prayer
Warden	Decide on the day	Sylvia Low	9.30am No Morning Prayer St M's
Sides-people		Ann Wiggins	10.15am No Bible Study St M's
Welcomer		Roger & Angela Witts	8.00pm No Study Group
Reading	Enitan Onabamiro Sue Jakeman	Jenny Houghton via Zoom	<b>FRIDAY</b> 10-12 No Working Party at St M's
Gospel	-	Enitan Onabamiro via Zoom	<b>SATURDAY</b> 8.30am Pray Hemel at Home, led by St B's.
Inter-cessions	Katharine Howlett	Laura Graham-Brown	10.00am Saturday Café on Zoom
11.15am	<b>No Sunday School</b>	<b>Sunday School via Zoom</b>	

### 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](mailto:stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com) by 12.00 noon each Wednesday.

**Please remember while we are in Covid Tier 4** that we must all do as the sidespeople/wardens ask us to do. The seating arrangements have been worked out to give as much protection as we can to everyone in the church. Also, please do not mingle with other households in the church or church grounds.

Despite Covid etc, we do hope that everyone is finding some **peace and joy over the Christmas period.**

**Many thanks** to all those who have over the last few weeks supported the **various fund-raising events that have been run at St Mary's**, ie the Scavenger Hunt, Cake Sale, Sponsored Carol Singing and Christmas Hamper Raffle. At present over £540 has been raised towards the shortfall on the Christmas Bazaar total. Special thanks to Gemma Wiggins, Helen Brewer & Melanie Henley for all their hard work in achieving this wonderful financial result. As well as having some fun!

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

While in Covid Tier 4 we are still 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.**

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**If you would like to sponsor an organist**, do tell your Treasurer, Peter or Alison.

**Rotary Club of HH Santa Sleigh.** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec evening a few of us went out with the sleigh, representing both our churches and spreading the joy of Christmas. We would like to **thank all** who helped delivering the leaflets, supporting us on the night and giving so generously.

PS, it is looking like the whole HH Santa Sleigh 2020 has raised over £10,000 for local charities. A wonderful outcome bearing in mind Rotary thought they might not collect anything this year! And out of 25 outings planned, 15 were actually able to take place (in between Lockdown 2 & Tier 4!)

**Nascent House Christmas Hamper.** Susan and Viv would like to thank everyone who has contributed to these hampers, which have now been delivered along with Christmas cards for each of the clients.

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

And of course, as we do still have all the usual running costs, both treasurers would be **delighted if anyone was able to add anything extra to their normal giving**. Use the donation button on the webpages or contact either: St M's Treasurer, Peter Bladon, on 01442 257108 or [bladon2010@btinternet.com](mailto:bladon2010@btinternet.com) or St B's Treasurer, Alison Murray, on [alisonj.murray@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonj.murray@btinternet.com).

### Further dates for your diary:

**13 Jan 7pm** Fabric Committee meeting  
**19 Jan 7pm** PCC (St M's) meeting  
**30 Jan 10.15am** Comms team mtg (St M's)