

WELCOME TO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	This week Sunday 28 th Nov	Next week Sunday 5 th Dec	Diary this w/c 29 th Nov
8.00am	N/A	Holy Communion Service at St Mary's	MONDAY 10.00-12 Working Party St M's 20.00 – Bellringing Practice 21.30 at St Mary's
10.00am	Eucharist Service in St Mary's and Via Zoom	Eucharist Service in St Benedict's and Via Zoom	TUESDAY 09.30 Buzzy Bees St Mary's 09.30- St B's open for private 15.30 prayer and Foodbank
Presiding	Geoff Lackey	Lizzie Hood	WEDNESDAY 09.30- St B's open for 15.30 private prayer and Foodbank
Tech	Dan Shirley	Harry Graham-Brown	17.00 Wardens+ Meeting
Warden	Harry Graham-Brown	Enitan Onabamiro	THURSDAY 09.30 - St M's open for 15.30 private prayer & Foodbank
Sidesduty	Katharine Harper	Decide on Day	09.30 Eucharist at St Mary's 10.15 Thursday Study 20.00 Group in St Mary's refectory Virtual Home Group
Welcomer	Sylvia Low	Decide on Day	FRIDAY 10.00-12 Working Party St M's
Reading	Susan Rivett	Bob Day	SATURDAY 10.00 Saturday Café At St Mary's
Intercessions	Sue Jakeman	Enitan Onabamiro	
Music	N/A	N/A	
1 st and 2 nd Collection Counters	Janet Wright Roger Witts	N/A	
Refreshments	Melanie & Ralph Henley	N/A	

St Mary'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.**

St Benedict'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.**

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Norma away from 29th Nov – 6th Dec

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

Janet is about to start **writing the Sunday rotas for January to March 2022**. If you would like to join any of the rotas, please **contact Janet on janet@apsleyend.co.uk**

The **funeral of Daphne Wicks** will take place at **West Herts Crematorium, Garson on 30th November at 1.00pm**

Sunday School has returned to its **usual slot** during the service and is being held in the **Refectory when the service is at St Mary's**.

Rotary Club Hemel Hempstead Santa Sleigh: We are again supporting this local fundraising event which supports many local charities including our churches. **Santa is travelling around the Belswains area on Tuesday 30th November**. We will need **volunteers** to help **deliver leaflets** beforehand. If you can help with this, please **speak to Viv**. For more information or a donation can be made on RCHH website or on their Facebook page.

The **Sitting Room Singers' interactive Carol Concert** will be held in **St Benedict's Church on Wednesday 8th December**. Refreshments served from **7pm; concert begins at 7.15pm**. All welcome; just come. Donations on night via smart phone or cash.

Recently we received a **lovely letter** from a client at the **Oxygen Recovery Scheme at Nascent House saying thank you** for the support they received through one of our welcome boxes. If you would like to **know more** about helping and joining the scheme, please **speak to Susan Rivett or Viv Hagel**.

Would you like to sponsor an organist at St Mary's to remember a special event or person? For more information, please **email Janet: Janet@apsleyend.co.uk**

Revd. Lizzie Hood's rest day is on Fridays and Revd. James McDonald's rest day is on Mondays.

The St Mary's 200 club is up for renewal. This is valuable form of fundraising for St Mary's Church. If you would like to join or to have new numbers, please **speak to Tim Ward**.

Many thanks to all those who supported our **Autumn Fair last Saturday** especially those who worked so hard on Friday, Saturday, and Monday to set it up, and then clear up! We were blessed with good weather, and good support from the local community, with a steady flow of people throughout the event. If you were unable to come on the day, we **still have a good selection of jams and preserves** which are **available for you to purchase in the Refectory**. Also on **Sunday** you can take part in the **Chocola** with a chance to win some chocolate to enjoy after your Sunday lunch! The **total amount raised** for Church Funds was over **£1,800** with more to come!!

Easing of Covid restrictions: You no longer need to book a place in church, but please sign in for track and trace. **All pews are now available**, but we have 'leave a space' signs if you'd like to use them & please don't use the kneelers.

Now that things are getting back to normal - would you be **willing to join** or re-join the **weekly rotas for Saturday Café - 2 or 3 people each week/or brass cleaning/toilets cleaning/or flowers at the high altar?** If so, please **speak with Peter or Rosemary** who can explain what is needed. It would be lovely to get St Mary's back to its previous cleanliness. Thank you.

Foodbank: Donations of non-perishable goods can be left between **09.30-15.30 on Thursdays at St Mary's** and on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays at St Benedict's**. The **foodbank at St Benedict's is now also open on Tuesdays**.

Further dates for your diary:
8 Dec 7.15pm Sitting Room Singers Carol Concert at St Benedict's
19 Dec 3pm Messy Church at St Mary's
24 Dec 11.15pm 'Midnight' Eucharist in St Mary's & Zoom
25 Dec 10am St Benedict's Christmas Eucharist
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Marina McKenna 18 Nov 2021