

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

30th June, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

If you need anything during the service, please ask someone sitting nearby, they will be pleased to help. Please stay after the service for refreshments and a chat in the Refectory at the back of the church.

This Week at St Mary's

Today

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Team Eucharist Service

Monday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party
8.00pm Bellringing practice

Tuesday

9.30am Buzzy Bees
12.30-2.30pm Foodbank and Community Café

Thursday

9.30 - 3.30 Church open for private prayer
9.30am Morning Service at St Mary's
10.00 – 12.00 Foodbank and Community Café
10.15am Study Group in the Vestry
8pm Study Group

Friday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party in Church & Churchyard

Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café

Sunday 7th July

9.00am Bellringing
10.30am Parish Eucharist
3pm Messy Church



Dear All,
I was driving home from my work today thinking about what I might write this week when a piece of music came on the radio that took me all the way back to being a student...yes it was such a long time ago.

The hall of residence my friends and I stayed in had a wide range of social activities one of which was a half-termly disco. One piece of music that became a "sort of anthem" for my year group was a hit that was notorious at the time for being banned from being broadcast; this was even after it received a lot of airtime... Even today when we all meet up that same piece of music still has us all up on the dance floor thinking we are teenagers again much to our offspring's embarrassment!

Over the years many pieces of music have been banned from being played on the radio or TV for a range of reasons, but this doesn't stop the music being listened to or even enjoyed. Perhaps notoriety increases the likelihood of success. The question arises would the same songs be banned today?

Music can be, for many of us, calming, evocative, cheering and rousing. We all have our favourite hymns many of which will have special significance for us. However, there are Christians who are unable to enjoy their favourite hymns or any hymns in the same as we do for fear of persecution. We are all very lucky that we have the freedom to appreciate music in all its forms.

So much of life has music as part of it - films have well-scored soundtracks that enhance the emotion, the tension, the action on the screen; these soundtracks stimulate the memory of the film even if all you have seen is a snapshot especially those films that have been great successes - I bet a lot of us will recognise the few chords from a film about the infamous great white shark...

What music is the soundtrack of your life? I was thinking about mine and I have to admit it will be a very wide and diverse collection with many tunes that a lot of people will not believe that I would listen to. Have a good week everyone whatever you end up doing.

Best wishes,
Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people, that in their vocation and ministry they may
serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

1.13-15; 2.23-24

Because God did not make death,
and he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.
for God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

8.7-end

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in
knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for
you—so we want you to excel also in this generous
undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am
testing the genuineness of your love against the
earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of
our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for
your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you
might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my
advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not
only to do something but even to desire to do
something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness
may be matched by completing it according to your
means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is
acceptable according to what one has—not according
to what one does not have. I do not mean that there
should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a
question of a fair balance between your present
abundance and their need, so that their abundance
may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair
balance. As it is written,

'The one who had much did not have too much,

and the one who had little did not have too little.'

But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the
same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not
only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager
than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him
we are sending the brother who is famous among all the
churches for his proclaiming of the good news; and not
only that, but he has also been appointed by the
churches to travel with us while we are administering this
generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself
and to show our goodwill. We intend that no one should
blame us about this generous gift that we are
administering, for we intend to do what is right not only

in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others. And
with them we are sending our brother whom we have
often tested and found eager in many matters, but
who is now more eager than ever because of his great
confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-
worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are
messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.
Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the
proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about
you.

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THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

5.21-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other
side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was
by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue
named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his
feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is
at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on
her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he
went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on
him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering
from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured
much under many physicians, and had spent all that
she had; and she was no better, but rather grew
worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up
behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she
said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'
Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in
her body that she was healed of her disease.
Immediately aware that power had gone forth from
him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who
touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him,
'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you
say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see
who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had
happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell
down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said
to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in
peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from
the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why
trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what
they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue,
'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow
him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of
James. When they came to the house of the leader of
the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people
weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he
said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and
weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they
laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took
the child's father and mother and those who were with
him, and went in where the child was. He took her by
the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means,
'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and
began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At
this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly
ordered them that no one should know this, and told
them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

The Second book of Kings 24.8-17

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; he reigned for three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as his father had done.

At that time the servants of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; King Jehoiachin of Judah gave himself up to the king of Babylon, himself, his mother, his servants, his officers, and his palace officials. The king of Babylon took him prisoner in the eighth year of his reign.

He carried off all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he cut in pieces all the vessels of gold in the temple of the Lord, which King Solomon of Israel had made, all this as the Lord had foretold. He carried away all Jerusalem, all the officials, all the warriors, ten thousand captives, all the artisans and the smiths; no one remained, except the poorest people of the land. He carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; the king's mother, the king's wives, his officials, and the elite of the land, he took into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. The king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of valour, seven thousand, the artisans and the smiths, one thousand, all of them strong and fit for war. The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

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THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm

79.1-9, 12

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your heritage; ♦ your holy temple have they defiled and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
- 2 The dead bodies of your servants they have given to be food for the birds of the air, ♦ and the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the field.
- 3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem, ♦ and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become the taunt of our neighbours, ♦ the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.
- 5 Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever? ♦ How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not known you, ♦ and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob ♦ and laid waste his dwelling place.
- 8 Remember not against us our former sins; ♦ let your compassion make haste to meet us, for we are brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; ♦ deliver us, and wipe away our sins for your name's sake.
- 12 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, ♦ and by your mighty arm preserve those who are condemned to die.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

7.21-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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Notices

Please send any input for next week to Sue in the Benefice office on SaintsKL2@fiscali.co.uk by noon on Wednesday and copy it to StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com.

Family Fun Day – 29th June

Donations required for hamper as a raffle prize and other suitable gifts for prizes. Good quality toys. There is a box for these at the back of church. If anyone has a gazebo we could borrow please let us know. Also, plants required to sell on the day. Please sign up if you are able to provide cakes for the cake stall. We still need volunteers for help on the day to make this a successful fundraising event. Many thanks. Viv

Sundays until 11th August 2-4pm

Bishop of St Albans Open Garden
Entrance £5 per Adult. Abbey Gate House,
Abbey Mill Lane St Albans AL3 4HD
Proceeds to the Beds & Herts Historic Trust

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that The Reverend James McDonald, currently Team Vicar in the Langelei Team Ministry and Assistant Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead, has been appointed as Team Rector of the Langelei Team. The Institution and Induction service for James will take place on Sunday 28th July at 4.30pm at All Saints Church, Kings Langley. Please remember James and Rachel in your prayers at this time.
Bishop Jane

Children's Society

Many thanks to all those who got their Children's Society collection boxes back to Hazel Littlejohns earlier on this month. The total raised this year was £510.60 a good result. The new boxes for this current year should have been returned to you showing the total that you raised, and if you would like to have one there are a couple at the back of church!! Thanks, must also go to Hazel & Mark for all their hard work and support in this area.

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you so much to everyone that has responded to the Nascent House requests. It has been truly amazing! Our needs are now sweets (small packets), individual bars of soap, notelets/cards, nail brushes, shampoo, large boxes of tissues and boxes with lids (17L to 25L). Please remember that the products must not contain alcohol. If you would like to know more about this scheme, come and have a chat.
Susan & Viv

Pray Hemel

Pray Hemel will be at St Benedict's on Saturday 6th July. If anyone is able to help St Benedict's serve breakfast at 8am before their service please speak to Sylvia or Harry. Thank you.

Foodbanks at St Mary's and St B's

St Mary's foodbank is open 12.30-2.30 on Tuesdays and 10.00 -12.00 on Thursdays with a community café serving simple hot food. Donations of in date non-perishable, unopened food or household essentials are much appreciated eg LL Milk, Pasta Sauce, Tin Meat/Beans & Sausages or see needs list: <https://t.ly/VJUlr> either to the church or to Dunelm gratefully received.

Assistance at both foodbanks and at St B's on Wednesday 9.30-12.00 needed. If you can help, do come and see us.

Sponsorship for our organists



Our organist today, Peter Lipman, is sponsored by an anonymous person. If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship you too can be a sponsor. You can mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because. Please contact one of the churchwardens – Harry G-B or Sylvia Low for more information.

Dates for your diary

Sun 30th June Joint Benefice Service at 10.30am
Sat 6th July 8am Pray Hemel at St B's
Sun 7th July 3pm Messy Church
Sat 13th July 10am Fabric Committee Meeting
Sat 17th Aug 10-12.30pm Bellringing Masterclass

Rotas - Who's doing what when		
	30 th June	7 th July
	10.30 Team Eucharist	9.30 Eucharist 3pm Messy Church
Music	Peter Lipman	Peter Lipman
Warden	Sylvia Low	Harry GB
Sides duty	Colin Rivett	Laura GB
Welcomer	Sylvia Low	Melanie Henley
Reading	Dan Shirley	Fiona Shirley
Intercessions	Sue Jakeman	Dan Shirley
Offertory	Shirley family	Rosemary & Peter Bladon
Chalice	Katharine Harper	Susan Rivett
2nd Counter	Susan Rivett	Viv Hagel
Refreshments	Viv Hagel & Melanie Henley	Sylvia Low & Ann Wiggins
Sunday School	Lilian Hepwood	No SS

Sue Bassett 28/06/2024