

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

7th July, 2024
Sixth 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 Parish Eucharist
3pm Messy Church

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 14th July

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Morning Eucharist



Dear All,

Throughout the year are special days that have significance to us as individuals – it could be a birthday, wedding anniversary or other special event. Dates are associated with memories of all types. Our year is interspersed with days that are important to us as a community/country Easter Sunday, Armistice Day, Patron Saints Days and many more. Like the seasons of the year these days mark the passage of time.

As we all know July 4th is American Independence Day where as a nation they have massive celebrations with fireworks, parades... and this year it even has relevance to all of us because of the General Election. Whether there will be celebrations here when the results are known will depend on your political persuasion or point of view.

However, for my family 4th July is special - it was the day that my parents were married; although I have questioned them, in the past, about their choice of date! Mind you I have thought it could be argued that it is the antithesis of independence... Despite the fact that my Mum is no longer with us it is still a date with a good memory; over the years there have been many parties to celebrate the big milestones of their marriage, and as years go by, more milestones happen, and we have even more to celebrate. Although, I was not there on my parents' Wedding Day, I was there on 4th July 2007, with my parents just four days until my daughter arrived.

Celebrations and milestones are not just for when they happen, but also for the memory of this happening. These are dates in our lives, that we may think about in years to come, and they become a part of us. I hope that you all continue to make happy memories, and celebrate all of your achievements, big and small.

Have a lovely week.
Best wishes,
Sylvia

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 book of Ezekiel 2.1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12.2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 6.1-13

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Hosea 11.1, 3-4, 7-8, 12

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
Ephraim has surrounded me with lies,
and the house of Israel with deceit;
but Judah still walks with God,
and is faithful to the Holy One.
This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 105.1-7

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.
3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
4 Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.
5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
6 O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.
7 He is the Lord our God; ♦
his judgements are in all the earth.

A reading from the Gospel
according to Matthew

10.7-15

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Notices

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

A Message from Janet

I was thrilled to be able to join in the family fun day for a short while on Saturday 29th June. It was a lovely occasion. I also wanted to thank everyone for all the cards, messages, visitors and prayer support during my illness this year. It has all meant a huge amount to me. I'm pleased to say that I am now having some good spells in between the rounds of chemotherapy. Just in case you don't know what I'm talking about, I have been diagnosed with a lymphoma (type of cancer) in a bone deep inside my skull. It has damaged my pituitary gland and some of the nerves to my face leaving me with various hormonal problems. However, it could all be much worse and I hope to manage to get back to church in due course. Best wishes to all, Janet

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of packets of sweets, shower gel, toothpaste, bars of soap, nail brushes, notelets and boxes with lids (17l - 25l). Please note items must not contain alcohol. If you would like further information about this scheme, please speak to Susan or Viv.

Next Rota (for Aug to Oct)

I am about to start sorting out the rota for the next 3 months so please can you let me know the dates that you are unable to do. Also, if you wish to be part of the rota team please do let me know as everyone welcome and we do need more people to help – it will help spread out the load and the frequency everyone has to do something. Thank you for your help with this. Sylvia

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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.

Family Funday

Thank you to all who helped and attended our family funday. We are pleased to announce that we raised just under £400 for the church funds. Viv

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 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		
	7 th July	14 th July
	9.30 Eucharist 3pm Messy Church	9.30 Eucharist
Music	Peter Lipman	Bruce Boardman
Warden	Harry GB	Tim Ward
Sides duty	Laura GB	Sylvia Low
Welcomer	Melanie Henley	Viv Hagel
Reading	Sylvia Low	Katharine Harper
Intercessions	Laura GB	Viv Hagel
Offertory	Rosemary & Peter Bladon	Joy West & Sylvia Low
Chalice	Susan Rivett	Katharine Harper
2nd Counter	Viv Hagel	Jim Aylott
Refreshments	Sylvia Low & Ann Wiggins	Susan & Colin Rivett
Sunday School	No Sunday School	

Sue Bassett 03/07/2024