

## This Week at St Mary's Church Apsley & Nash Mills

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
10am - 12.00 Working Party	9.30am Buzzy Bees	9.00 - 9.30am Morning Prayer  9.30am Mid-week Communion Service  8pm Home Study Group
Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
10.00 -12.00 Working Party	10.00 -12.00 Community Café	25 <sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Parish Eucharist

### St Mary's Rota - Who's doing what when

	18 <sup>th</sup> January	25 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Music</b>	9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church	9.30 Parish Eucharist
<b>Warden</b>	Dan Shirley	Harry GB
<b>Sides duty</b>	Pauline Buck	Jeanie Agg
<b>Welcomer</b>	Sylvia Low	Pauline Buck
<b>OT &amp; NT Reader</b>	Sue Jakeman	Melanie Henley
<b>Gospel Reader</b>		
<b>Prayers/ Intercessions</b>	Ian Dixon	Viv Hagel
<b>Offertory</b>	Dan Shirley Fiona Shirley	Melanie Henley Sylvia Low
<b>Chalice/ 1<sup>st</sup> Counter</b>	Peter Bladon	Janet Wright
<b>2nd Counter</b>	Viv Hagel	Sylvia Low
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jeanie Agg David Agg	Viv Hagel Lillian Hepwood
<b>Sunday School</b>	Lillian Hepwood	Marina McKenna

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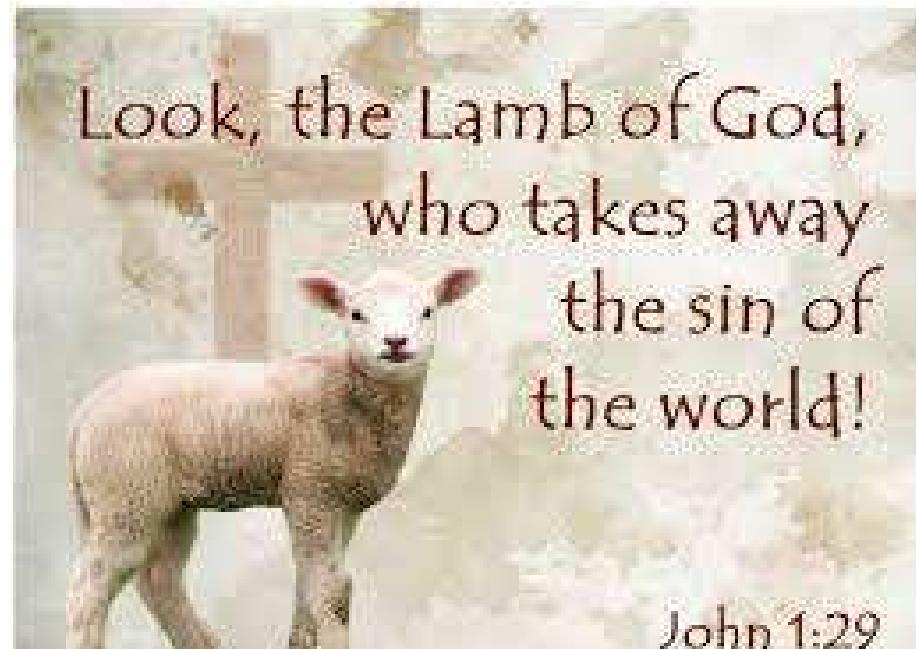
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# St Mary's Church

## News Sheet

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany



John 1:29

St Mary's is a church for everyone young and old, and everyone in between. We are delighted to welcome you today. Whether you are a regular worshipper or joining us for the first time, you are very welcome at our 9.30am Parish Eucharist. During the service there will be a children group, and children will be invited to go out at the appropriate time. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask someone sitting nearby they will be very pleased to help. After the service, do stay for refreshments and a chat in the Refectory at the back of the church.

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

## A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind, just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services

Tuesdays	St Benedict's – 9am Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays	Holy Trinity - 9am MP, 10am HC
Thursdays	St Mary's – 9am MP, 9.30am HC
Fridays	All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC

### NEW Calm Church at Holy Trinity, LG - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3pm

Designed to support and welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families. A simple service, followed by biscuits and squash.

### Sponsorship for our organists

Today our organist is Mark Terry who is sponsored by an anonymous doner. If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship, you can be a sponsor. Mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because. Please contact a churchwarden – Sue Jakeman or Sylvia Low for more information

### Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the welcome boxes throughout last year. These have been gratefully received by new clients on arrival at Nascent House (next door to our church).

Currently we are in need of boxes of tissues, pocket tissues, sweets, flannels, toothbrushes, hand soap, wash-bags, shampoo, notecards, notepads shave foam and razors. NB these must not contain alcohol.

Please leave in box at back of church, or give to Katharine or Viv. Many thanks.

### RCHH Santa Sleigh

We are delighted to let you all know that our church and Nash Mills School PTA will receive £170 and £150 respectively. We collected on the night just over £400 on our joint outing with Nash Mills C of E PTA. All the collections during Nov/Dec are pooled together and divided among many local charities (less expenses). Thank you to Laura and family from the school PTA who walked the route with me and thanks also to Katharine, Joy and Peter as well, who did an amazing job once again waving to everyone.

# NOTICE

### Team Quiet Day - 7th March '26

We are planning a Team Quiet Day exploring the Lord's Prayer at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person. Pick up a flyer for full details of what is happening and how to book!

### Apsley Community Foodbank & Café

are now in their new location at the Apsley Community Centre. St Mary's, Apsley End will become a food drop-off point in the new year. More details to follow.

Please send any input for next week to Sue in the Benefice office [office@langelei.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:office@langelei.onmicrosoft.com) by noon on Wednesday and copy it to [StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com)

### Donate to St Mary's

Please support St Mary's by using this QR code to donate. Thank you.



### Dates for your diary

Sun 25th Jan 3pm Calm Church at Holy Trinity, LG

Sun 15th Feb 3pm Messy Church

Sat 7th March 10am-4pm Team Quiet Day at London Colney