

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	1 st February 9.30am All Age Eucharist

Please send any input for next week to Sue in the Benefice office
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St Mary's Rota - Who's doing what when

	25 th January	1 st February
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 All Age Eucharist
Music	Ian Hope	
Warden	Harry GB	
Sides duty	Jeanie Agg	
Welcomer	Pauline Buck	
OT & NT Reader	Melanie Henley	
Gospel Reader		
Prayers/ Intercessions	Viv Hagel	
Offertory	Melanie Henley Sylvia Low	
Chalice/ 1st Counter	Janet Wright	
2nd Counter	Sylvia Low	
Refreshments	Viv Hagel Lillian Hepwood	
Sunday School	Marina McKenna	

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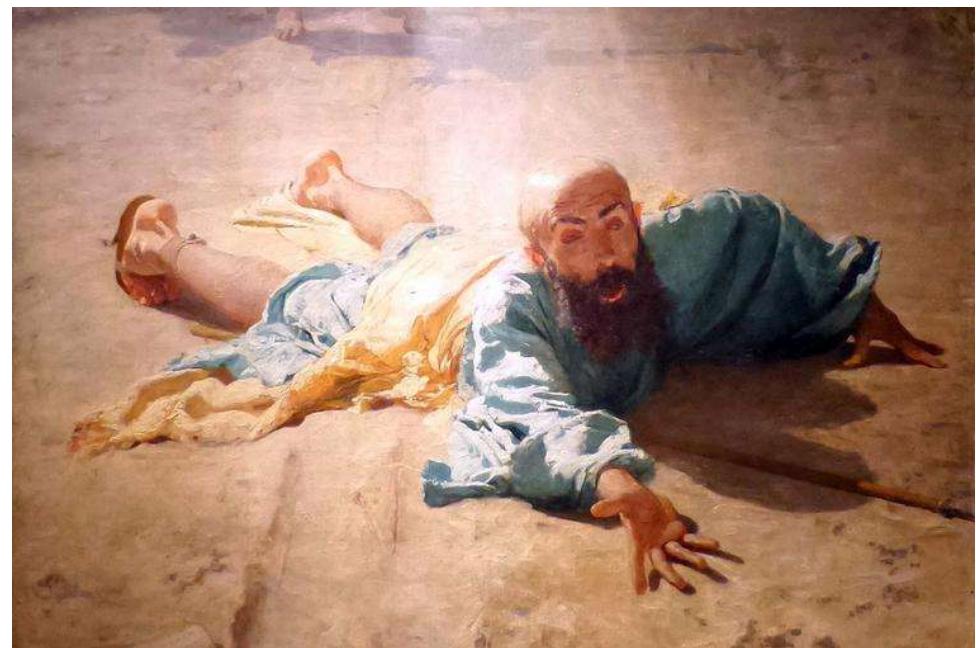
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St Mary's Church

News Sheet

Sunday the 25th of January 2026

The Conversion of St Paul



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 Acts

9.1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

1.11-16a

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

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!

Sponsorship for our organists

Today our organist is Ian Hope who is sponsored by an anonymous donor. 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

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.

Donate to St Mary's

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



Dates for your diary

Sun 15th Feb 3pm Messy Church
Sat 7th March 10am-4pm Team Quiet Day at London Colney