

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

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
<b>10am - 12.00</b> Working Party  <b>8pm - 9.30pm</b> Bellringing practice	<b>9.30am</b> Buzzy Bees	<b>9.00 - 9.30am</b> NO Morning Prayer  <b>9.30am</b> NO Mid-week Communion Service  <b>8pm</b> Home Study Group
Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
<b>10.00 -12.00</b> Working Party  <b>10.00-11.45</b> Coffee & Games (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks of the month)	<b>10.00 -12.00</b> Community Café  <b>10.00</b> The Prayer Course	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>9.30am</b>

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

	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March
	<b>10.30</b> Team Service at St Benedicts	<b>9.30 Service</b> Palm Sunday
Music		Ian Hope
Warden		Dan Shirley
Sides duty		Katharine Harper
Welcomer		Fiona Shirley
OT & NT Reader		Fiona Shirley
Gospel Reader		Dan Shirley
Prayers/ Intercessions		Sue Jakeman
Offertory		Ian Dixon Sarah Barnard
Chalice/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Counter		Katharine Harper
2 <sup>nd</sup> Counter		Harry GB
Refreshments		Jess Higgs Ellie Hoyle
Sunday School		Laura GB

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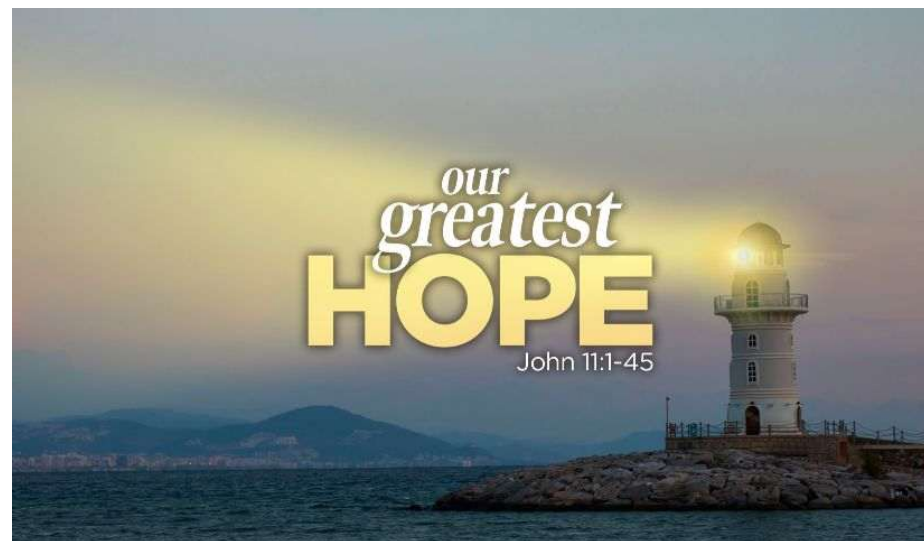
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# St Mary's Church News Sheet

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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 10.30am Team Service at St Benedict's. 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 Ezekiel

37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

## A reading from Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

## The Gospel today is taken from John 11.1-45

## 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

# NOTICE

### Lent Course

The last meetings of our Team Lent course this week.

Tuesday 11.30am at All Saints,  
Thursday 7.30pm at St Benedict's and  
Saturday 10am at St Marys until Easter.  
(You can go to any venue each week)

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**10.30am Team Service at St Benedict's**  
All are welcome to our Prayer service for the revitalisation of Saint Benedicts.

This will take place in our church Hall.  
**3pm Messy Church – Messy Easter**

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Nash Mills School will be joining us in church for their Easter Service.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)

No Morning Prayer or Eucharist.  
We will be preparing the church for the evening service and then travelling to St Albans for the Christ Service.

### Come and join us –

**Mondays & Fridays 10am-12noon**

Working Party in Churchyard and church

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 10am – 11.45am**

Coffee and Games in the Refectory

### Sponsorship for our organists

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

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated towards the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of pocket tissues, boxes of tissues, toothbrushes, flannels, notepads, notebooks and washbags. Please leave in box at back of church or give to Viv or Katharine. 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.30 Team Service at St Benedict's 3pm Messy Church
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10am Coffee & Games
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Maundy Thursday
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday ALL IN Family Service Followed by egg hunt