

WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's Bennetts End

	Albantide Sun 21 June	Next week Sun 28 June	Diary for this week (from 22 June)
10.00am	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	
Presiding	Bishop of St Albans	Richard Howlett	MONDAY <u>10am-12</u> Socially distanced working party at St M's
Welcomers	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	WEDNESDAY <u>4.30pm</u> Wardens/vicar/sec meeting via Zoom
1st Reading	<i>People from St Albans Abbey</i>	Banke Onabamiro	THURSDAY <u>09.30am</u> Morning Prayer via Zoom
2nd Reading		Jenny Houghton	<u>10.15am</u> Study group via Zoom
Gospel		Susan Rivett	<u>8.00pm</u> Study group via Zoom
Intercessions		Viv Hagel	FRIDAY <u>10am-12</u> Socially distanced working party at St M's
Music		Melanie Henley on flute	SATURDAY <u>10.00am</u> Virtual Saturday Café
Sunday School	Peter Bladon plus others	Peter Bladon plus others	
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	

<p>St B's Collect for Growth Dear God, fill our hearts with your love and the glow of your Holy Spirit. Grow this church family within our community and let your good news spread. Amen.</p>	<p>St M's Collect for Growth Dear Lord, please help us grow St Mary's Church. As we grow in love of you, draw new people week by week into this church family. May we show your love to all, within and beyond our walls. In Jesus' name. Amen</p>
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Notices

While our two churches are worshipping together via Zoom on Sunday mornings, we are using a combined bulletin.

Please contribute information, dates, notices etc.
 The more we're sent, the more useful it will be!
 Please email items to stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com by 12.00 noon each Friday.

Both St M's and St B's have now started the **careful planning of the many steps that have to be taken prior to the very gradual eventual reopening of our churches. This includes the necessary risk assessments.** A great job is already being done of cleaning inside.

Also the **long planned re-decorating etc in the refectory at St M's** is now scheduled to start on 13 July. It should all be nice and fresh when we are able to use it again.

St M's are looking into a cost-effective way of installing broadband at the church so that services can continue to be streamed to folk who are not able to get back into church for whatever reason.

We still have the usual expenses to pay even though both our churches are closed at the moment. And it may not be possible to put on the usual fundraising events this year (such as the Bazaar at St M's & the Autumn Fair at St B's). So, if there is any way you could make your usual weekly offering electronically or by cheque, please contact:

St M's Treasurer, Peter Bladon, on 01442 257108 or bladon2010@btinternet.com
or
 St B's Treasurer, Alison Murray on alisonj.murray@btinternet.com
Any donations would also be very warmly welcomed, however small or large!

Many thanks to those who gave donations towards **Christian Aid Week this year.** The total amount collected (from 9 people) was £320 which with Gift Aid added will bring the **total to £392.**

Bishop Michael of Hertford will be making his planned visit to our 2 parishes in July, albeit in modified forms due to the constraints due to Covid. More information will follow.

We continue to keep up with our support of the **Oxygen Recovery Service at Nascent House next door to St M's church.** The boxes contain basic toiletry items, stationery, stamps, an alarm clock and some sweets. Members of the congregation either donate money or supply named items. If you would like to know more about this scheme please contact either
 Viv Hagel (vivian.hagel@ntlworld.com) or
 Susan Rivett (rivetts@aol.com).
 Thank you very much to everyone who already supports this scheme. **You can still contribute by leaving items at Viv's or Susan's houses.**

Further Dates for your diary:

- 24 June Fabric committee meeting via Zoom at 7pm
- 5 July Visit by Bishop Michael of Hertford
- 5 July Messy Church at 3pm
- 6 July Bishop Michael meets the St M's PCC
- 25 July Communications team meeting 10.15 am

Janet Wright 20-Jun-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

6.1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

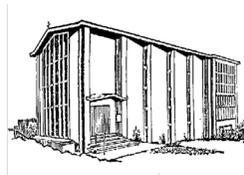
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

10.24-39

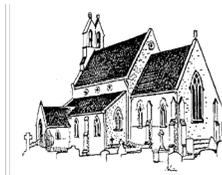
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

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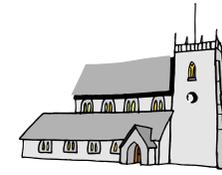
St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

21st June 2020

The Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah 20.7-13

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**