

WELCOME TO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ST MARY'S APSLEY END

Mothering Sunday 22nd March 2020

Sadly, due to the concerns about Covid-19 there will be **no organized service here at St Mary's.**

However, **there will be a live streamed service from All Saints Kings Langley** which all our congregation are invited to join. Go to All Saints page of the website (address below) to learn how to join.

In addition there is to be a 'virtual service' officiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the BBC

Diary for this week (from 23 March)

MONDAY

10.00am No Working Party
12.00pm No Lent group
8.00pm No Bell ringers practice

TUESDAY

9.30am No Buzzy Bees

WEDNESDAY

7.00pm Games Group (TBC)

THURSDAY

09.00am No Morning Prayer
09.30am No Holy Communion
10.15am No Lent group
7.00pm AA meeting
8.00pm No Lent Group at 28 Manorville Road

FRIDAY

10.00am No Working Party

SATURDAY

10.00am No Community Café
10.00am No Lent group



Notices



To include a notice, event or people for prayer in this bulletin email stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com or contact one of the churchwardens or the vicar (deadline 12.00 noon each Tuesday for the following Sunday please).

Gluten-free wafers are available - just ask a Warden or Sidesperson.

Message from Richard Howlett, our Team Vicar:

Greetings to everyone. Detailed advice from the CoFE is expected in the next day or so, so we shall pass on relevant information to you.

We all find ourselves in a strange and unfamiliar situation, and it's understandable to feel anxious and uncertain about the future. I shall be phoning everyone whose number I have in the next few days to see how you are. If you suspect I haven't got your number, feel free to send it to me by email or phone me (details opposite).

Let's all try to bring good out of this time of adversity. I send everyone virtual hugs and actual prayers. **Richard**

Suggestion from the Archbishops:

Light a Candle of Hope in your window as a sign of solidarity at 7pm today (22nd March).

Let's see how many we can do!

The **chart for nominations of people to represent us** is at the back of the church and on our website. Please give careful thought to whether you or a friend might be prepared to volunteer. Pray about it and speak to the person concerned, the current incumbents and/or the vicar. Then fill in the chart. This must be done before the Annual meetings on Sun 26 Apr. Contact Janet to add names to the list if you do not have chance to go into church.

Holy Week services (All TBC):

Mon 6 Apr 8pm at St Benedict's
 Tues 7 Apr 8pm at St Mary's
 Weds 8 Apr 8pm Stations at St Benedict's
 Maundy Thursday 9 Apr Holy Communion, stripping of altars and vigil at St Mary's
 Good Friday 10 Apr Informal Stations 11.30am at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 12 Apr 6am Dawn Eucharist
 10am Sung Eucharist both at St Mary's

Infection Control Measures

Temporarily, during the concerns about Covid-19 virus, we have been advised by the **Archbishops to suspend all public services**

But they have said we all still need to be rooted in prayer and serving others.

We will be organising times that the **church can be open for quiet prayer** and other opportunities, such as live streaming of services, are being worked on.

Do join our email list (see opp page) as we will be trying to keep everyone up to date via at least weekly emails on this.

Another useful source of contact is the St Mary's Facebook group.

There is a notice on the church door reminding us of the **Revision of the Electoral roll**. If anyone wants to join or leave, please contact Adrian Whalley on 07894 901961 before 31st March

Further Dates for your diary (All TBC):

- 28 Mar No Fundraising meeting 10am
- 30 Mar No Prayers for Health/Healing 7.30pm
- 12 Apr Easter Day
- 25 Apr St Marys Quiz night at Nash Mills CoFE School 7pm.
- 25 Apr Readers Workshop
- 26 Apr ~~APCM (Annual Parish Church Meeting)~~ (postponed)
- 2 May Pray Hemel at St Mary's
- 29 May Thy Kingdom Come Night of Prayer then breakfast
- 6 June Intercessors Workshop
- 4 Jul Strawberries and Cream Tea 3pm
- 5 Jul Visit by Bishop Michael of Hertford

Janet W 20-Mar-20

Please pray for

Eileen Kemp,
 Clare Tofield-Wallington
 All our congregation as we adapt bigtime.

St Mary'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**

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 (Mon & Wed 7.30am-2.30pm, Thurs 12.00pm-3.00pm, Fri 11.00am-2:30pm)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 19:25b-27

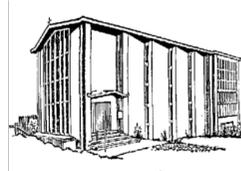
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings to study at your leisure, is for you to take home. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.
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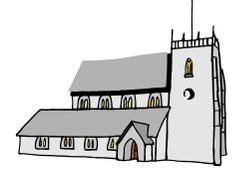
St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

MOTHERING SUNDAY

22nd March 2020

The Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from the first book of Samuel 1.20-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his Household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

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