

WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	Today Sun 24 May	Next week Sun 31 May	Diary for this week (from 25 May)
10.00am	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	Sung Eucharist via Zoom	
Presiding	Richard Howlett	Richard Howlett	WEDNESDAY <u>4.30pm</u> Wardens/vicar/sec meeting via Zoom
Welcomers	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	Dan Shirley & Enitan Onabamiro	THURSDAY <u>09.30am</u> Morning Prayer via Zoom
1 st Reading	Tyler Leyman	Narda Gowlett	<u>10.15am</u> Study group via Zoom
2 nd Reading	Sylvia Low	Susan Rivett	<u>8.00pm</u> Study Group via Zoom
Gospel	Fiona Shirley	Peter Bladon	SATURDAY <u>9.30am</u> Thy Kingdom Come day of prayer starts with Morning Prayer all via Zoom
Intercessions	Sue Jakeman	Enitan Onabamiro	(TKC)
Music	Melanie Henley on flute	Melanie Henley on flute	10 - 11.30 TKC prayer stations
Sunday School	Peter plus others	Peter plus others	1.30-5pm TKC prayer stations
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	5pm TKC closes with Evening Prayer
3.00pm	Messy Church via Zoom	No service	

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.**

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**

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

Notices

While our 2 churches are worshipping together via Zoom on Sunday mornings, **we are trying a combination bulletin.** Please all feel free to send in 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

Rather than printing out the Order of Service each week, we recommend that you have it open on your device as well as Zoom and swap between the two windows as needed.

Please hold onto your **Children's Society boxes** until Hazel L can sort them out (gives us all time to put some more money in them!).

Logon details for the Zoom events can be found in the calendar on the St Mary's page of the benefice website. There is also a link to the Order of Service on Sundays in the same place. YouTube events can be found at <https://bit.ly/2ydl8cv>

Further Dates for your diary:

- 6 June 10.15am Intercessors' Workshop

We are **sad to announce that we are losing Revd Maxine Howarth**, who has been serving as training curate in the Team, based at Holy Trinity church. It has been decided that Maxine will be continuing her curacy in another parish as part of her training.

We all wish her well and send prayers for the next step for Maxine and her family.

Normally St M's would have had a special event to mark **Christian Aid Week** at Saturday Café. However due to current restrictions, this will be held later on in the year. **You can still give a donation now** towards the very important work that they do: Contact Rosemary Bladon on either 01442 257108 or Bladon2010@btinternet.com and she will arrange to deliver you an envelope to put your donation in (either cash or cheque) or donate online into the St Mary's PCC account & tell Peter Bladon. Many thanks, Rosemary.

Although our churches are closed at the moment, **we still have most of the usual expenses to pay.** 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

Susan Rivett writes: 'We are endeavouring to keep up with our support of the **Oxygen Recovery Service at Nascent House next door to the church** and have supplied four boxes of personal items for new clients since 'lock-down' with a further request this week for two more. The boxes contain basic toiletry items, stationary, 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 R's houses.**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

4 .12-14, 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.
This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

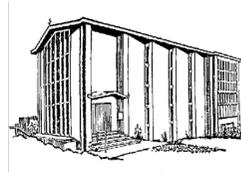
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17: 1-11 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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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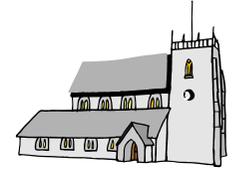
St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24th May 2020

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**



**Weekly newsletter from Richard Howlett,
Team Vicar with special responsibility for
St Benedict's, Bennett's End and St
Mary's, Apsley End.**

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Dear Friends

Last Thursday was the feast of the Ascension when our Lord took his leave of the disciples after his final resurrection appearance. They may have felt a variety of emotions, but Jesus had proven that his words were to be trusted, and so they waited now with joy and anticipation for what was promised: the coming of the Helper, the Holy Spirit. Mike Macey, our Rural Dean, gave a sermon in the broadcast Ascension Day service. A copy of this can be found in the calendar entry for the Ascension Day service on St M's webpage.

This Sunday we will be listening to Bishop Alan, who has sent round a video sermon for the churches of the diocese to be shared over the next few weeks. The Bishop talks about the importance of generosity in these troubled times. There is an opportunity for Christians to show generosity when so many are wrestling with fears and insecurity caused by the economic fallout. Thanks too to so many of you who are continuing to put aside your envelope giving and those who have converted to standing orders; as our notices last week mentioned, the churches' bills continue, and with the loss of income from weddings, and lettings and social events, other income is of course vital. Thanks, too, to those who have

responded to the Christian Aid appeal. Amounts raised will be published but donations are still trickling in.

As mentioned previously, we are now in the time of Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer initiative. Just a brief reminder of ways to join in- whether online or not.

1. From now until Pentecost please pray each day for up to five people you know whom you'd love to come to faith. Archbishop John Sentamu shared yesterday how his life changed when someone brought him to faith. See <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>
2. Join in with the Church of England's Daily Hope line 0800 804 8044 hymns, prayers, and a message from Archbishop Justin Welby (press* to hear that)
3. Mark in your calendars Saturday 30th May when we have our Day of Prayer starting with Morning Prayer at 9.30 and finishing with Evening Prayer at 5pm.
4. Join in if you can with St Albans Abbey for their service at 6.30pm on Sunday 31st May. If not, please join celebrations on TV, including Songs of Praise and the Morning service on radio 4 which follows the 8am news.

It goes without saying that it's not easy sustaining Church in these times when so much has become different. Let's however all see what we can do to keep in touch, and pray for one another : for together we are the Body of Christ.

With our love and prayers

Richard and Katherine