

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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Easter 3)

Again, due to the lockdown from Covid-19, there will be  
**NO services actually in St Mary's.** But:

**There will again be a live streamed service  
by Richard from the vicarage  
to which everyone is invited.**

To join live or to watch later, go to the St Mary's page of the website  
(address below), click on the calendar and open the service you want.

**10am Eucharist followed by Sunday School**

#### Please pray for

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

#### 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)

#### Notices

- Although the church is 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 the Treasurer, Peter Bladon, on 01442 257108 or [bladon2010@btinternet.com](mailto:bladon2010@btinternet.com).
- **'Staying in Touch' mini groups.** Each member of the church congregation/family should have been contacted at least once by now by their 'nominated PCC member'. If you haven't had this contact, please get in touch with Janet Wright via [stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com) to check we have your details right.
- **The Readers Workshop** has been postponed to Sat 23 May

#### Weekly Newsletter No 5 from Richard Howlett our team vicar

##### Dear Friends

I hope you are doing well in the continuing Lockdown. If you need any help, or just a listening ear, or want a personal time of prayer, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to mention that owing to generous donors we have a limited sum of money to help in cases of financial hardship. It might be a broken appliance, something for the family, even a new phone to help with contact. Whatever the need, please talk to me or the churchwardens and we will be pleased to see if we can help. These are unusual times, and we would rather try to help than find someone has been suffering in silence. Similarly, is there a neighbour or friend who is in difficulty?

**Praying Together.** It was good to welcome friends from St Benedict's as well as St Marys when we did Morning Prayer on Zoom together; we shall be doing this again at 9.30am on Thursday. Afterwards there will be a Bible study/discussion group at 10.15; the topic will be finishing the book 'from now on'. See the website for news of all groups and meetings. If unsure, please ask.

Secondly, the Church of England has brought out a nice collection called 'Prayers for use during the Coronavirus outbreak'. It is available online if you go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>. Norma in the benefice office has printed some paper copies for those who need them. Just ask if you need one. I am proposing to use this collection for Thursday Morning Prayer.

I will also be using this material next week as follows on YouTube:

- A. Midday Prayer starting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April and happening Mon-Thurs inclusive from 12 midday.
- B. Compline (Night Prayer) at 9.30pm. Again, on Mon-Thurs.

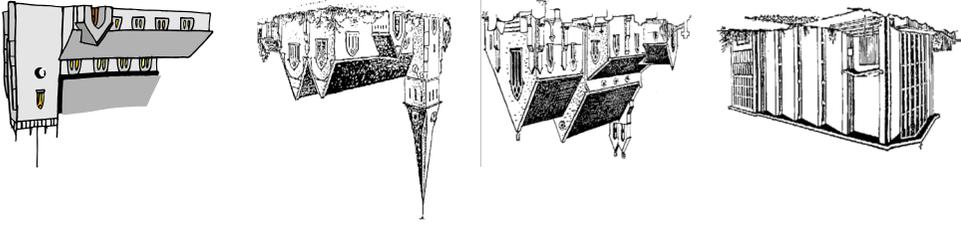
Both services are short. I hope, if you can, you will enjoy the time to put some spiritual pauses into your daily routine.

**With our love and prayers  
Richard and Katherine**

**Do join our email list** (opposite) as we are trying to keep everyone up to date via at least weekly emails. Another useful source of contact is the **St Mary's Facebook group**.

**Please send items for this bulletin to** [stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com)

# The Benefice of Langley!



St Benedict's,  
Bennetts End

Holy Trinity,  
Leverstock Green

St Mary's,  
Apsley

All Saints,  
Kings Langley

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th April 2020

### The Collect

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2. 14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.  
This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### A reading from the first letter of Peter

1 : 17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

24: 13-35

### GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place here in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those were with us when we went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' And their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### 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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