

WELCOME TO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

	Today Sun 26 July	Next week Sun 2 Aug	Diary for this week
10am	All Age service in St M's & on Zoom	Eucharist in St M's & on Zoom	MONDAY 27 July 8.30am Decorating starting in refectory 10am-12 Working Party at St M's
Presiding	Richard Howlett	Jos Perris	TUESDAY
Welcomers	Dan Shirley	(tbc)	WEDNESDAY
1st Reading	Melanie Henley	(tbc)	5.00pm Wardens/vicar/sec meeting via Zoom
Gospel	Rosemary Bladon	(tbc)	7.00pm Fabric committee meeting via Zoom
Intercessions	Dan Shirley	(tbc)	THURSDAY
Music	Ian Hope on organ	Melanie Henley	09.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Production	Harry G-Brown	Harry G-Brown	10.15am Study group via Zoom
12 midday	Said Eucharist in St M's & on Zoom		8.00pm Study group via Zoom
Presiding	Richard Howlett		FRIDAY
Welcomers	P & R Bladon		10am-12 Working Party at St M's
1st Reading	Melanie Henley		SATURDAY
2nd Reading	Susan Rivett		10.00am Saturday Café via Zoom
Gospel	Richard Howlett		
Intercessions	Katherine Howlett		
Production	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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<h3>Notices</h3> <p>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 Wednesday.</p>	
<p>St Benedict's is open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 8am to 4pm but sadly St Mary's has had to be closed for private prayer on Mondays and Fridays until we can sort out some safety issues.</p> <p>Jean & Mike need articles for the September newsletter as soon as possible please. The closing date is 23 Aug. They say 'Thank you everyone who contributed to the great variety of excellent articles in the June issue! We loved the poems and photos, so more for September would be great!' Send to: mikeandjean23@btinternet.com</p> <p>We still have all the usual expenses to pay. 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 St B's Treasurer, Alison Murray on alisonj.murray@btinternet.com</p> <p>Any donations would also be very warmly welcomed, however small or large! This can also be done via the new donation buttons on both St B's and St M's webpages.</p> <p>DENS latest newsletter is available here (or via a link in the St M's webpage). There is lots of positive information about how they are restarting projects and services, all well worth reading.</p>	<p>Next Sunday morning there will be a Eucharist in St M's and on Zoom at 10am led by Revd Jos Perris. Again, to comply with social distancing, it is essential that you book if you wish to attend in person. Please book either by emailing stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com or by phoning Dan Shirley on 07946 736267.</p> <p>St B's congregation are invited to join the service from Holy Trinity on 2 Aug (but would still be welcome at St M's via Zoom if they prefer!)</p> <p>Retirement Card – if you would like to 'sign' the card for Mrs Rosie Washford-Mower as she leaves Nash Mills Church of England School, please email your name and brief message to the Bladons at Bladon2010@btinternet.com and it will be entered. This is to meet with current Government regulations.</p> <p>DENS foodbank is running very low on tinned ham, tinned corned beef, sponge puddings, custard, tinned fruit, shampoo, conditioner and cleaning sprays, and would really welcome donations which can be left in their box at Sainsbury's.</p> <p>'Taize@home' is on all this week. Please see details on St M's webpage if interested. 'A wonderful opportunity to have a taster of Taize in the comfort of our homes.'</p> <p>CAP (Christians against Poverty) in HH are looking for a new manager. Please look for the information on St M's webpage if interested.</p> <p>Future dates for your diary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest: Sun 27 Sept at St M's & Sun 4 Oct at St B's. Theme is 'Creating a Buzz in Nepal'
Janet Wright 25-Jul-20	

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

13.31-33, 44-52

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

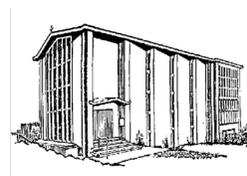
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

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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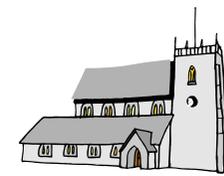
St Benedict's,
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,
Apsley



All Saints,
Kings Langley

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

26th July 2020

The Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard-seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from the first book of Kings

3.5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.' 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

I hope you and your loved ones are all keeping well.

This Sunday **Sun 26th July there will be a Family Service at 10am** streamed from St Mary's. After that service, there will be a **short said service of Holy Communion at 12 midday**. Thank you to all those who have booked in; places are now filled at 10am, but there are currently 2 places still available at 12.

On **Sunday 2nd August** St Benedict's are invited to join Holy Trinity at 10am as they stream a service from church. At St Mary's also at 10am, Revd Jos Perris will be presiding at a service of Holy Communion from St Mary's church. Those intending to come must, as always, register beforehand. Toilets sadly will be off limits throughout August while building work goes on in the refectory. Please contact Dan Shirley on Tel. 248756 or 07946 736267 or email us at stmarysapsleyend@gmail.com to confirm who is coming from your household.

As you may have heard on the media, government advice on wearing of facemasks has been updated. The Church of England now strongly advises that face coverings be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers and worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present. Please remember

that they are mainly to protect other people, not the wearer, from COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing. Sanitizing gel is available in church, and everyone is reminded to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water when they get home .

Changes to opening of churches. St Benedict's will continue to be open on Wednesdays, from 9am to 4pm for private prayer. Please observe the notices about hygiene if you do come to church, for your safety and that of other people. Following our updated risk assessment, St Mary's will no longer be open for private prayer Mondays and Fridays, for the safety of those coming in to maintain the church when there has been a Sunday service. Please bear with us as the situation changes; we are aiming to restore services, including baptisms, but we have to keep people as safe as possible in the pandemic.

Other news. Wonderful work is proceeding to refurbish the hall and kitchen at St Benedict's church. This will be celebrated as we hold the first Holy Communion since Lockdown in St Benedict's church on Sunday 9th August, at 10am, and the hall will be blessed following that service. **Please email me or phone me from Monday 3rd August if you intend to come.**

Weekday services will continue online during August: Dr Bob Day will be leading Morning Prayer on Thursday 30th July, and Revd James McDonald will lead a Bible study at 10:20am.

Katherine and I will be on leave from this Sunday afternoon, returning to work on Monday 3rd August. My newsletter, therefore, will not be issued for the weekend of 2nd August , but will come out early in the following week.

With our love and prayers,

Richard and Katherine.