

# Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

If you need anything during the service, please ask someone sitting nearby, they will be pleased to help. Please stay after the service for refreshments and a chat in the Refectory at the back of the church.

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## This Week at St Mary's

### Today

9.30am Parish Eucharist

### Monday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party  
8.00pm Bellingring practice

### Tuesday

9.30am NO Buzzy Bees until 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
12.30-2.30pm Foodbank and Community Café

### Thursday

9.30 - 3.30 Church open for private prayer  
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's  
10.00 – 12.00 Foodbank and Community Café  
10.15am Study Group in the Vestry  
8pm Virtual Study Group

### Friday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party in Church & Churchyard

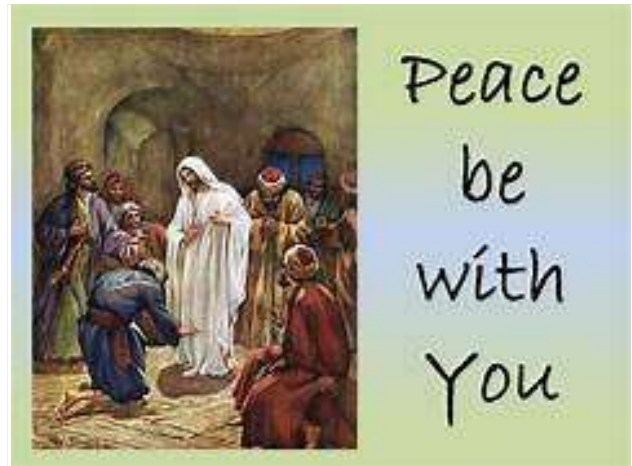
### Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

9.30am Parish Eucharist

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The Gospels record the visits He made to many people after the [Resurrection](#), including one to 11 of His disciples. There He said many things to them, including the phrase, "Peace be with you." He repeated this phrase several times. It was a common greeting among the Hebrew people during that period of history, but it also had significance when Jesus said it after the Resurrection. He was both greeting His friends, and encouraging them that God's peace would be with them at all times.

## Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

### The Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life and serve you continually in righteousness  
and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### A reading from the First Letter of John

3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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

24.36b-48

#### **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Thursday's Readings (Year B)

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Psalm

66.7-8,14-end

7 Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,  
8 Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip.  
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.  
15 I called out to him with my mouth  
and his praise was on my tongue.  
16 If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me,  
17 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.  
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

### A reading from the Gospel according to John

6.44-51

#### **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

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# Notices

Please send any input for next week to Sue in the Benefice office on [SaintsKL2@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:SaintsKL2@fiscali.co.uk) by noon on Wednesday and copy it to [StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com).

## Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you so much to everyone that has responded to the Nascent House requests. It has been truly amazing! Our needs are now sweets (small packets), individual bars of soap, notelets/cards, nail brushes, shampoo, large boxes of tissues and boxes with lids (17L to 25L). Please remember that the products must not contain alcohol. If you would like to know more about this scheme, come and have a chat. Susan & Viv

## Sunday 28th April at 3pm

Lizzie's farewell service at Holy Trinity followed by a party in the Leverstock Green Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30

Featuring the Hemel Hempstead Band a Brass Band Concert at St Benedict's for the Mayor's Fund. Suggested donation £5.

## Plants and seeds.

If you are planting seeds or dividing plants this spring, please set some aside for the Holy Trinity Plant Sale on Saturday 25th May.

## Friday 24th May - FOS Ceilidh

The Friends of All Saints are hosting a Ceilidh in the Community Centre in Kings Langley. Tickets are £15 from Brian McAdam, include a light supper. The bar will be open. [bmcadam1@sky.com](mailto:bmcadam1@sky.com)

## DENS Lent Appeal

We're so grateful for the donations have already been made online and handed in at our Hostel, I encourage anyone who has contributed to reach out to us directly. For those who are yet to donate, please know that cash contributions can be handed in at The Elms Hostel, Redbourn Rd, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7AZ (please include your name & church name), or donations can be easily be made through our Lent Appeal webpage at [www.dens.org.uk/lent](http://www.dens.org.uk/lent). Together, we can make a real difference to the lives of those in need.

## Foodbanks at St Mary's and St B's

St Mary's foodbank is open 12.30-2.30 on Tuesdays and 10.00-12.00 on Thursdays with a community café serving simple hot food.

Donations of in date non-perishable, unopened food or household essentials are much appreciated eg LL Milk, Pasta Sauce, Tin Meat/Beans & Sausages or see needs list: <https://t.ly/VJUlr>

either to the church or to Dunelm gratefully received.

Assistance at both foodbanks and at St B's on Wednesday 9.30-12.00 needed.

If you can help, do come and see us.

## Sponsorship for our organists



Our organist today, Peter Lipman, is sponsored by an anonymous person.

If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship you too can be a sponsor. You can mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because.

Please contact one of the churchwardens – Harry G-B or Sylvia Low for more information.

## Dates for your diary

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Apr Messy Church

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Apr Lizzie's Farewell Service 3pm Holy Trinity

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May Messy Church

## Rotas - Who's doing what when

	14 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church
Music	Peter Lipman	Bruce Boardman
Warden	Tim Ward	Dan Shirley
Sides duty	Laura GB	Katharine Harper
Welcomer	Viv Hagel	Jan & Trevor Wilson
Reading	Katharine Harper	Fiona Shirley
Intercessions	Fiona Shirley	Sue Jakeman
Offertory	Joy West	Fiona Ellison & Melanie Henley
Chalice	Rosemary Bladon	Peter Bladon
2nd Counter	Jim Aylott	Fiona Shirley
Refreshments	Susan & Colin Rivett	Viv Hagel & Sarah Barnard
Sunday School	Jan Wilson	No Sunday School