

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

18th August, 2024
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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.

This Week at St Mary's

Today

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Parish Eucharist

Monday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party
8.00pm Bellringing practice

Tuesday

9.30am Buzzy Bees is on holiday
12.30-2.30pm Foodbank and Community Café

Thursday

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

Friday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party in Church & Churchyard

Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café

Sunday 25th August

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Morning Prayer



We are over half way through August and the shops are full of parents trying to buy the right items for the start of another school year. Some children and maybe some teachers will be looking forward to the new year and some will be reluctant.

I remember the mixed feeling of looking forward to the return of routine and the reluctance of the end of the summer with my children. New starts are not just for school though. We have new starts throughout our lives, starting a job, getting married, moving house and becoming a parent are just a few.

New starts are scary. Most of us don't like change. Even when the new start is something exciting, we all have a touch of nerves even when we put on a brave face.

I recently left my job to start on a new adventure. It's exciting but also scary. I can only do it though with the support of my family people around me and a few prayers.

I wonder how Jesus coped with his new starts? He had a few the start of his ministry, the start of working with his disciples, the start of his journey to Jerusalem and returning to heaven to be with God. Did he talk with his father? Did he pray?

The one thing we know is whatever new start we face, we can pray to Jesus. We can admit our fears to him.

Laura GB

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to
pray and to give more than either we desire or
deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 book of Proverbs 9.1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her
wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
'You that are simple, turn in here!'
To those without sense she says,
'Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 5.15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people
but as wise, making the most of the time, because
the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but
understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get
drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be
filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and
making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving
thanks to God the Father at all times and for
everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6.51-58

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

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.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves,
saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to
eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and
drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who
eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,
and I will raise them up on the last day; for my
flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those
who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in
me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent
me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever
eats me will live because of me. This is the bread
that came down from heaven, not like that which
your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one
who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

The Book of Ezekial 36.23-28

I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 51.7-12

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10 Turn your face from my sins ♦
and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 22.1-14

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk by noon on Wednesday and copy it to StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com.

200 Club

Congratulations to the winners on the August draw for the 200 Club.

1st prize of £25 to Tim Ward,
2nd prize of £10 to Viv Hagel and
3rd prize of £5 to Susan Rivett.

If you'd like to join the 200 club, please ask Tim Ward or a church warden.

St Mary's Website

We are ever mindful of the need to keep our website up to date so with that in mind we would like everyone to have a look at it and let us know if you see anything that needs updating; it's easy to miss something so different eyes and different perspectives will help us cover it all. Have a good look at all areas of it please and let me know if you spot anything. Thank you, Sylvia

Pudding and Plonk Friday 30th August

We are having a pudding and plonk evening in the refectory at St Mary's at 7pm to which all are welcome. Please bring a dessert or wine or both! Ask Laura GB for more details. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Quiz Night Saturday 14th September

Our annual Quiz Night held at Nash Mills School. Assemble your team and look out for more details!

All Saints Beer & Fizz Festival 13th – 15th September

Follow the Facebook page for information on which beers will be on tap, champagne lists, which live musicians are performing and what delicious food stands will be tempting your taste buds.

Search: Kings Langley Beer & Fizz Festival
Early Bird Ticket on sale until end August

Bike 'n Hike Saturday 14th September

If you would like to join in, visiting as many churches as possible on foot or by bike, please ask for a sponsorship pack. Proceeds to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Are you considering being Confirmed?

A Deanery Confirmation Course will be starting in the Autumn. Talk to James or Jos if you want to know more.

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, Ian Hope, 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.

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of packets of sweets, shower gel, toothpaste, bars of soap, nail brushes, notelets and boxes with lids (171 -251). Please note items must not contain alcohol. If you would like further information about this scheme, please speak to Susan or Viv.

Dates for your diary

Frid 30th Aug Pudding and Plonk, 7pm

Sat 14th Sept Quiz Night at Nash Mills School

Rotas - Who's doing what when		
	18 th August	25 th August
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 Morning Prayer
Music	Ian Hope	Bruce Boardman
Warden	Harry GB	Sylvia Low
Sides duty	Colin Rivett	Peter & Rosemary Bladon
Welcomer	Ann Wiggins	Melanie Henley
Reading	Sue Jakeman	Katharine Harper
Intercessions	Viv Hagel	Laura GB
Offertory	Ann Wiggins & Sarah Barnard	
Chalice	Peter Bladon	
2nd Counter	Kyajdi Ceci	Viv Hagel
Refreshments	Susan & Colin Rivett	Jeanie Agg & Sarah Barnard
Sunday School		

Sue Bassett 16/08/2024