

Welcome to **St Mary's Apsley & St Benedict's Bennetts End**



and welcome to our services today

24th August, 2025

Bartholomew the Apostle

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 & St B's

Today

9.00am Bellringing at St Mary's
 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
 11.15am NO Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's

Monday

9.15-10.45 No Little Bears at St Benedict's
 12.30-2.30pm Apsley Community Café at St Mary's Church
 10.00 -12.00 Working Party at St Mary's
 8 – 9.30pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

Tuesday

9am NO Morning Prayer at St Benedict's
 9.30am NO Buzzy Bees at St Mary's
 Back on 9th September

Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Foodbank at St Benedict's

Thursday

9.30am NO Morning Prayer at St Mary's
 10.00 – 12.00 Apsley Community Café at St Mary's Church
 10.15am Study Group at St Mary's - Paused
 8pm Home Study Group

Friday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party in St Mary's Church & Churchyard.

Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café at St Mary's

Sunday 31st August

9.30am Team Eucharist at All Saints, Kings Langley
 11.15am No Service at St Benedict's

Oxburgh Hall



Hi, I'm on the move, this time inland on a tour of York, Chester and then the Welsh border with my husband.

We enjoy exploring history through houses and monastic ruins that tell the influence of Christianity in the English nation and beyond.

The Oxburgh estate, Norfolk, was the home to the Bedingfeld family. A catholic family who supported Henry VII and in fact Edward Bedingfeld was the Governor of the Tower of London. After the Reformation they lost their place at court. The family battled to survive with their catholic faith intact. To this end Oxburgh House had constructed a priest hole, which we can assume was used on a number of occasions, in times of religious difficulty.

I hugely admire and have great respect for people who are threatened and persecuted for their faith. We are so privileged to be able to worship and praise God in peace and safety. Please pray for them in their struggles, that they feel God's loving presence.

Sue Jakeman

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

The Collect

O Almighty and everlasting God,
who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew
grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word:
Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church,
to love that Word which he believed,
and both to preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 43.8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have
eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
Let all the nations gather together, and let the
peoples assemble. Who among them declared
this, and foretold to us the former things? Let
them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let
them hear and say, "It is true."

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my
servant whom I have chosen, so that you may
know and believe me and understand that I am
he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall
there be any after me.

I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no
saviour.

I declared and saved and proclaimed, when
there was no strange god among you; and you
are my witnesses, says the Lord.

I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is
no one who can deliver from my hand; I work
and who can hinder it?

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done
among the people through the apostles. And
they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
None of the rest dared to join them, but the
people held them in high esteem.

Yet more than ever believers were added to the
Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so
that they even carried out the sick into the
streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order
that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them
as he came by.

A great number of people would also gather
from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the
sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and
they were all cured.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 22.24-30

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

A dispute also arose among them as to which
one of them was to be regarded as the
greatest.

But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles
lord it over them; and those in authority over
them are called benefactors.

But not so with you; rather the greatest among
you must become like the youngest, and the
leader like one who serves.

For who is greater, the one who is at the table
or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the
table? But I am among you as one who serves.
"You are those who have stood by me in my
trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has
conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may
eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and
you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes
of Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 11.29-end

For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith.

For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 90.13-end

13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? ♦
Have compassion on your servants.

14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning,
♦ that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, ♦ and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

16 Show your servants your works, ♦ and let your glory be over their children.

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; ♦ prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 24.42-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.

Then he asked them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

"Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.

But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Contact Information

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Thursdays 10.15am

Study Group at St Mary's

During the Vacancy the Study Group is paused.

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.

The Rev David Jones has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Langelei Team Ministry with special responsibility for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's, Bennetts End. This is subject to completion of the usual legal formalities.

David licensing service will take place on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm at St Mary's Apsley End.

Please remember David, Janey, Hannah and Autumn in your prayers as they prepare for their move.

27th & 28th Sept Scarecrow Festival



Save the date!

Please contact Laura or Sylvia if you know anyone or group who would like to make a scarecrow.

Rosemary Bladon's funeral service

will be taking place at St Mary's Church
on Wednesday 3rd September at 12.30pm.
All are welcome to come.

Team Confirmation Preparation 2025

Would you like to confirm your promises to God? Fr James, Revd Diana and Revd Jos will be running Confirmation Preparation sessions in the autumn. Please contact one of them to sign up. For adults and young people 12+ in our churches. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Oct, 15th Nov visit to St Albans, 20th Nov concluding session. 23rd Nov 6.30pm Confirmation Service at St John's Boxmoor.

Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services

Tuesdays St Benedict's - Paused
Wednesdays Holy Trinity - 9am MP, 10am HC
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

Sponsorship for our organists at St Mary's



Our organist today, Mark Terry, is sponsored by an anonymous person. If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship you can be a sponsor. You can mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because. Please contact one of the Churchwardens – Sue Jakeman or Sylvia Low for more information.

Apsley Community Foodbank & Café at St Mary's and Foodbank at St B's

St Mary's is open 12.30-2.30 on Mondays and 10-12 on Thursdays for food collection and serving simple hot food. St Benedict's foodbank is open Wednesdays 9.30-11.30. 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: either to the church or to Dunelm gratefully received.

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of boxes of tissues, packets of sweets, pens, notelets, notepads and boxes with lids (17-25l). Please note items must not contain alcohol. If you would like further information about this scheme, please speak to Susan or Viv.

You Can Join Our WhatsApp Group!

Used for quick questions and messages. If you are a member of St Mary's, do consider joining by contacting any of the admins (Katharine Harper, Laura G-Brown, Harry G-Brown and Rachel Woods)

Donate to St Mary's

Please support St Mary's by using this QR code to donate. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

Sun 31st Aug 10.30am Team Service at All Saints
Wed 3rd Sept 12.30pm Funeral of Rosemary Bladon
Fri 5th Sep 7pm Pudding and Plonk
Sat 13th Sep Bike 'n' Hike Church open 9am-5pm
Games afternoon
Sun 21st Sep Messy Harvest
Sept 27th & 28th Scarecrow Festival
Tues 14th Oct 7.30pm Licencing of Rev David Jones

St Mary's Rota - Who's doing what when

	24 th August	31 st August
	Parish Eucharist	Team Eucharist at All Saints
Music	Mark Terry	
Warden	Dan Shirley	
Sides duty	Ann Wiggins	
Welcomer	Dan Shirley	
Reader	Katharine Harper	
Prayers/ Intercessions	Fiona Shirley	
Offertory	Melanie Henley Sarah Barnard	
Chalice/ 1 st Counter	Jim Aylott	
2nd Counter	Roger Witts	
Refreshments	Janet Wright Melanie Henley	
Sunday School	Hazel Pritchard	