

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

4th August, 2024
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 Sung 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 11th August

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Parish Eucharist



Dear All,

What a brilliant week it has been for outdoor activities! Of course, the heat might be a bit much at certain times of the day, but it is such a pleasant change; something to enjoy while it lasts.

As we are possibly all preparing to go on our travels over the next few weeks, I remembered what was required to organise my family...The most important thing for me was not to tell my daughter too far in advance as the levels of excitement and the anticipation of a trip to see family was almost off the scale. To be honest sometimes I didn't even tell her until the day we were leaving. Now that she is almost an adult, she does still get excited, but it is more contained. She now channels this into helping to pack, organise the food etc. I usually spend my time sorting out my garden, tidying; I do like to return to a tidy and clean house but that's just me and we all have our own idiosyncrasies!

In life we have many things that we look forward to (holidays, special events Christmas etc); sometimes the preparation and hard work leading up to them can be much more fun than the event itself. When I was a student in St Andrews the hall of residence that I stayed in would have its Ball in November (5 weeks or so from the start of term). Lots of planning went into this including drawing and painting large pictures on the chosen theme on very wide rolls of paper from the local paper mill.

Basically, we covered the walls with this artwork like wall papering a room; they were completed in sections and hung up during the week of the Ball. Doing this artwork (yes, I did draw and paint) was great fun and the camaraderie was something I will always remember.

However, although the Ball was great fun it wasn't a patch on the enjoyment we had preparing for the event. Maybe of the course this is the point! The relationships we build with people in this way can be very special and for me some of my oldest and best friends came from this time; you really get to know people when working together for something like this. Have a great week.

Best wishes, Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at
Jerusalem:

give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our
cross that in the world to come we may see him as
he is;

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Book of Daniel

7.9,10,13,14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. As I watched in the
night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Second Letter of Peter

1.16-19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when
we made known to you the power and coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been
eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received
honour and glory from God the Father when that
voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory,
saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I
am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice
come from heaven, while we were with him on
the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully
confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this
as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the
day dawns and the morning star rises in your
hearts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

9.28-36

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took
with him Peter and John and James, and went up
on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying,
the appearance of his face changed, and his
clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw
two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They
appeared in glory and were speaking of his
departure, which he was about to accomplish at
Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were
weighed down with sleep; but since they had
stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men
who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him,
Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be
here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one
for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he
said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and
overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they
entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a
voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to
him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found
alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no
one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

The Book of Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 51.11-18

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.
13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;
14 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked ♦
and sinners shall return to you.
15 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation, ♦
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
16 O Lord, open my lips ♦
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
17 For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; ♦
you take no delight in burnt offerings.
18 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; ♦
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise.

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A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 16.13-23

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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 Footpath

If you use the footpath entrance of the churchyard at the Hemel end you will have noticed how it has changed over the last few weeks. The undergrowth has been cleared away. Wood bark has been laid down and a wood border has been laid on the boundary of the path. This has improved the entrance to the churchyard making it more welcoming to all. This was achieved through the hard work of James Speer who not only did the work but supplied the bark, wood borders and stakes. Many thanks to him for keeping us on the straight and clear path!"

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

Bishop of St Albans Open Garden

Sundays until 11th August 2-4pm
Entrance £5 per adult.

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane
St Albans AL3 4HD Proceeds to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

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.

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, 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.

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 -25). 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

Sat 17th Aug 10-12.30pm Bellingring Masterclass
Frid 30th Aug Pudding and Plonk, 7pm
Sat 14th Sept Quiz Night at Nash Mills School

Rotas - Who's doing what when		
	4th August	11th August
	9.30 Sung Eucharist	9.30 Parish Eucharist
Music	Peter Lipman	Ian Hope
Warden	Harry GB	Tim Ward
Sides duty	Ann Wiggins	Katharine Harper
Welcomer	Pauline Buck	Peter & Rosemary Bladon
Reading	Katharine Harper	Susan Rivett
Intercessions	Laura GB	Sue Jakeman
Offertory	Fiona Ellison & Joy West	Peter & Rosemary Bladon
Chalice	Katharine Harper	Susan Rivett
2nd Counter	Roger Witts	Katharine Harper
Refreshments	Harry & Laura GB	Ann Wiggins & Melanie Henley
Sunday School		