

### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour  
in all their distress.  
It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### A reading from the Book of Hebrews

**2.10-end**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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**63.7-9**

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# ST MARY'S | NEWS

*28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.*

*The First Sunday after Christmas*

*Welcome to the 10.30am Benefice Team service*

*Today at Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green*

*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 Trinity Room at the back of the church*

### This Week at St Mary's

**Monday**  
**12.30-2.30pm** Apsley Community Café  
**10.00 -12.00** Working Party  
**8 – 9.30pm** NO Bellringing practice

**Tuesday**  
**9.30am** NO Buzzy Bees  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec – 13<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Thursday**  
**10.00 – 12.00** Apsley Foodbank & Community Café

**Friday**  
**10.00 -12.00** Working Party in Church & Churchyard

**Saturday**  
**10.00 -12.00** Saturday Community Café

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
**9.30am** All Age Eucharist

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## Notices

### Church in the Wild at All Saints, KL

Join us at 11.15am on the first Sunday of the month for a time of learning in nature, getting creative and building community.

### NEW Calm Church at Holy Trinity, LG

**25<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm**

Designed to support and welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families. A simple service, followed by biscuits and squash.

### Sponsorship for our organists

If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship you can be a sponsor. Mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because. Please contact a churchwarden – Sue Jakeman or Sylvia Low for more information

### Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Please contact Katharine Harper or Viv Hagel if you have donations for Nascent House boxes.

Toothbrushes, sweets, flannels, notecards, razors, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner are required. If you would like more information about this initiative or would like to commit to donating a regular item then please get in touch. Clients may be male or female and please remember that the products must not contain alcohol. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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



### Apsley Community Foodbank & Café

The Apsley Free Community Cafe & Food Bank, which started right here, will be moving on to a new home on 12th January 2026. They've simply outgrown our space! We're praying for them as they move to a much bigger venue where they can continue to serve even more people in our community.

While we're sad to see them go, we couldn't be prouder and more excited! In such a short space of time, they've grown to be such a valuable part of our community. Even though they won't be meeting here anymore, they'll always be a part of the St Mary's family.

Our support for this amazing organisation continues, and we can't wait to see all the good they'll do in their new home. A huge thank you to Miriam Rai for your vision and all she is doing for our community! Their new location will be Apsley Community Centre. Please continue to support them however you can. St Mary's, Apsley End will become a food drop-off point in the new year. More details to follow.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

### Donate to St Mary's

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



### Team Quiet Day 7th March '26

We are planning a Team Quiet Day exploring the Lord's Prayer at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person. Pick up a flyer for full details of what is happening and how to book!

### Dates for your diary

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.15 Church in the Wild at All Saints, KL  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30-11.45 Coffee Morning in Refectory  
 Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 3pm Messy Church  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 3pm Calm Church at Holy Trinity, LG  
 Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 3pm Messy Church  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm Team Quiet Day at London Colney

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

	4 <sup>th</sup> January	11 <sup>th</sup> January
	<b>9.30 All Age Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30 Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>Music</b>	Mark Terry	Ian Hope
<b>Warden</b>	Tim Ward	Sue Jakeman
<b>Sides duty</b>	Pauline Buck	Joy West
<b>Welcomer</b>	David Agg	Viv Hagel
<b>OT &amp; NT Reader</b>	Sylvia Low	Janet Wright
<b>Gospel Reader</b>	Fiona Shirley	
<b>Prayers/ Intercessions</b>	Katharine Harper	Sue Jakeman
<b>Offertory</b>	Harry GB Laura GB	Ian Dixon Jeanie Agg
<b>Chalice/ 1<sup>st</sup> Counter</b>	Jim Aylott	Sue Jakeman
<b>2nd Counter</b>	Peter Bladon	Fiona Shirley
<b>Refreshments</b>	Harry GB Laura GB	Melanie Henley Ralph Henley
<b>Sunday School</b>		Sylvia Low

### Morning services around the team

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

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