

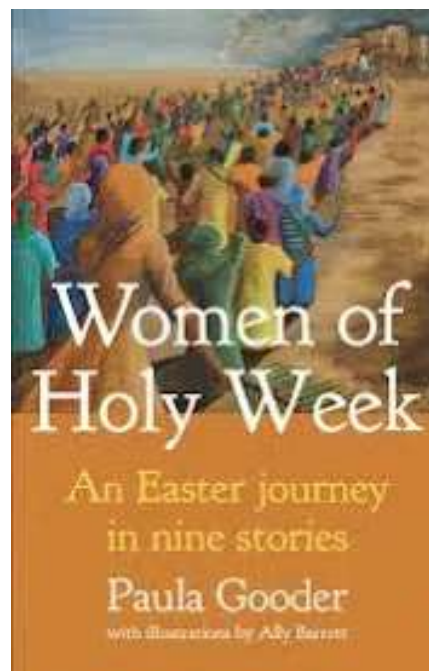
# Welcome to St Mary's Apsley & St Benedict's Bennetts End



and welcome to our services today

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
Third Sunday before Lent

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 Parish Eucharist at St Mary's  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's  
3pm Messy Church at St Mary's

### Monday

9.15-10.45am Little Bears at St Benedict's  
10.00 -12.00 Working Party at St Mary's  
8.00pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

### Tuesday

9.30am NO Buzzy Bees at St Mary's – Half Term  
12.30-2.30pm St Mary's Foodbank and Community Café

### Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Foodbank at St Benedict's

### Thursday

9.30 - 3.30 St Mary's Church open for private prayer  
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's  
10.00 – 12.00 St Mary's Foodbank & Community Café  
10.15am Study Group in St Mary's Vestry  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> February

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's

## Langelei Lent Course w/c 3rd March - w/c 14th April 2025

We are offering a Team Lent Course looking at the same material running across three different days, across our parishes, so people could attend different sessions in the different parishes on different weeks if they wanted.

### Monday at 3.30-5pm at Jos' house

Bedmond

### Tuesday 7.30-9pm at Alice's house

Bennet's End

### Friday 10-11.30 at All Saints Church

Kings Langley.

We will be using a book written by Paula Gooder called 'Women of Holy Week'. No-one needs to buy the book, as the leader will read the story each week and then lead a discussion around some questions that Paula has suggested in the book. But feel free to buy the book if you would like.

The course will start on Monday 3rd March week 1 and the last session will be w/c 14th April, so there are 6 sessions in total and the last week is the before Holy Week. If you are able to come to all 6 sessions that is wonderful, but it is not essential as each week will be a stand-alone session.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

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

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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 book of Jeremiah

17.5-10

Thus says the Lord:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the  
wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.  
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the  
dead, how can some of you say there is no  
resurrection of the dead? If there is no  
resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been  
raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our  
proclamation has been in vain and your faith has  
been in vain. We are even found to be  
misrepresenting God, because we testified of  
God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise  
if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the  
dead are not raised, then Christ has not been  
raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is  
futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also  
who have died in Christ have perished. If for this  
life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all  
people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Hear the Gospel According to Luke

6.17-26

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

He came down with them and stood on a level  
place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a  
great multitude of people from all Judea,  
Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They  
had come to hear him and to be healed of their  
diseases; and those who were troubled with  
unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd  
were trying to touch him, for power came out  
from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and  
when they exclude you, revile you, and defame  
you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on  
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is  
great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors  
did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is  
what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Thursday's Readings (Year C)

### A reading from Genesis 9.1-13

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

Whoever sheds the blood of a human,  
by a human shall that person's blood be shed;  
for in his own image

God made humankind.  
And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth  
and multiply in it.'

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Psalm 102.16-23

16 Then shall the nations fear your name, O Lord, ♦  
and all the kings of the earth your glory,  
17 When the Lord has built up Zion ♦  
and shown himself in glory;  
18 When he has turned to the prayer of the  
destitute ♦  
and has not despised their plea.  
19 This shall be written for those that come after, ♦  
and a people yet unborn shall praise the Lord.  
20 For he has looked down from his holy height; ♦  
from the heavens he beheld the earth,  
21 That he might hear the sighings of the prisoner ♦  
and set free those condemned to die;  
22 That the name of the Lord may be proclaimed in  
Zion ♦  
and his praises in Jerusalem,  
23 When peoples are gathered together ♦  
and kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

### Hear the Gospel According to Mark

8.27-33

#### GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! 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!**

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# Notices

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

## Friday coffee morning 10.30am to 11.45am.

Come join us at our new coffee mornings on the second Friday and fourth Friday each month. At the end of March, this will be reviewed to assess the demand and adjustments made if needed.

This activity will run alongside the working party and is open to all. There will be the opportunity to chat, have a cuppa and biscuits, play simple games eg dominoes, discuss issues or whatever the group would like. Any questions, please ask Joy West

## Pancakes at St Mary's 4<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding our annual pancake evening in the refectory on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm onwards; there will be time to join the Lent group at 7.30 pm. Please come and enjoy freshly made pancakes and great company. Everyone welcome.

## Langelei Lent Course: 3rd March-14th April

This year, we are running a Team Lent Course starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April. There will be 3 sessions/locations available each week. Each location will be using the same material each week over the 6 week period:

**Monday** 3.30-5pm at Jos' house in Bedmond

**Tuesday** 7.30-9pm at Alice's house, Bennet's End

**Friday** 10-11.30 at All Saints Church, KL

**Saturday** 10 -11.30 during café at St Mary's

We will be using a book written by Paula Gooder called 'Women of Holy Week'. You do not have to purchase the book but can do so if you would like to. If you would like to know more, please contact: Alice, Jos or Keith/Andy at All Saints. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

## Sponsorship for our organists



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 – Harry G-B or Sylvia

Low for more information.

## Donate to St Mary's

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



## 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. 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.

Assistance at all foodbanks gratefully received.

If you can help, do come and see us.

## 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, toothbrushes, pocket tissues, bars of soap, nail brushes, notelets, pens and boxes with lids (17l -25l).

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

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Messy Church
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Coffee Morning at St Mary's
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Pancakes at St Mary's from 5pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent Course Week 1 at Vicarage
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8pm Team Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Trinity
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent Course Week 2 at Vicarage
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Coffee Morning at St Mary's
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Messy Church
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent Course Week 3 at Vicarage
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent Course Week 4 at Vicarage
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Coffee Morning at St Mary's
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Lent Course Week 5 at Vicarage
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Lent Course Week 6 at Vicarage

## Rotas - Who's doing what when

	16 <sup>th</sup> February	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
	9.30 Eucharist 3pm Messy Church	9.30 Morning Prayer
<b>Music</b>	Harry G-B	Ian Hope
<b>Warden</b>	Tim Ward	Sylvia Low
<b>Sides duty</b>	Peter Bladon	Ann Wiggins
<b>Welcomer</b>	David Agg	Dan Shirley
<b>Reader</b>	Fiona Shirley	Sue Jakeman
<b>Prayers/ Intercessions</b>	Dan Shirley	Fiona Shirley
<b>Offertory</b>	Fiona Shirley Dan Shirley	N/A
<b>Chalice</b>	Katharine Harper	Sue Jakeman
<b>2nd Counter</b>	Peter Bladon	Fiona Shirley
<b>Refreshments</b>	Laura G-B & Harry G-B	Alfie Cacciapu & Sylvia Low
<b>Sunday School</b>		