

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



and welcome to our services today

13th July, 2025

Fourth 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 & St B's

Today

10.00am	Bellringing at St Mary's
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
11.15am	NO Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's

Monday

9.15-10.45	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

9.30am	Buzzy Bees at St Mary's
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Wednesday

9.30–11.30am	Foodbank at St Benedict's
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Thursday

9.30am	Eucharist at St Mary's
10.00 – 12.00	Apsley Community Café at St Mary's Church
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.
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Saturday

10.00 -12.00	Saturday Community Café at St Mary's
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Sunday 20th July

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

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

The Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

A reading from Deuteronomy 30.9-14

And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?"

Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?"

No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

10.25-37

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

A Reading from Exodus

3.13-20

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

16 Go and assemble the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt.

17 I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

18 They will listen to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.'

19 I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.

20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you go.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 105.1, 5, 8-9, 24-27

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦ make known his deeds among the peoples.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦ his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, ♦ the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, ♦ the oath that he swore to Isaac.

24 And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; ♦

he made them too many for their adversaries,
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people ♦ and dealt craftily with his servants.

26 Then sent he Moses his servant ♦ and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 He showed his signs through their word ♦ and his wonders in the land of Ham.

Hear the Gospel

According to Matthew

11.28-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.

A big THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Garden Party last Saturday. We raised over £250 so thank you to all those who came and made it a success.

Sat 19th July Games afternoon At St Mary's

Alice's farewell service: 27th July at 3pm

All are invited to St Mary's for this Team eucharist - followed by refreshments - as we say goodbye to Alice and Coral. It will be lovely to see you there for this celebration of the last 3 years together. This will be the only eucharist on that day, there will be a lay led service at 9.30 am.

Morning services around the team

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

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

Little Bears toddler group, St Benedict's Church Hall, Mondays 9-10.45

Little Bears is looking for new volunteers. If you, or someone you know, are willing to lend a hand, weekly fortnightly or monthly, please be in touch with Mother Alice. Thank you.

Sponsorship for our organists at St Mary's



Our organist today, Ian Hope, 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.

Donate to St Mary's

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



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)

Dates for your diary

Sat 19th July 2pm Games Afternoon at St Mary's
Sun 27th July 3pm Farewell Eucharist at St Mary's
Sept 27th & 28th Scarecrow Festival

St Mary's Rota - Who's doing what when		
	13 th July	20 th July
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Eucharist
Music	Ian Hope	Mark Terry
Warden	Tim Ward	Dan Shirley
Sides duty	Colin Rivett	Pauline Buck
Welcomer	David Agg	Roger Witts
Reader	Janet Wright	Dan Shirley
Prayers/ Intercessions	Dan Shirley	Ian Dixon
Offertory	Dan Shirley Fiona Shirley	Roger Witts Angela Witts
Chalice/ 1 st Counter	Susan Rivett	Katharine Haper
2nd Counter	Fiona Shirley	Roger Witts
Refreshments	Jeanie Agg David Agg	Sylvia Low Alfie Cacciapuoti
Sunday School	Lilian Hepwood	