

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



and welcome to our services today

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

**Fifth 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

### Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Foodbank at St Benedict's

### 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.

### Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café at St Mary's

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

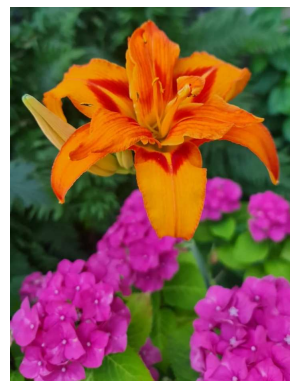
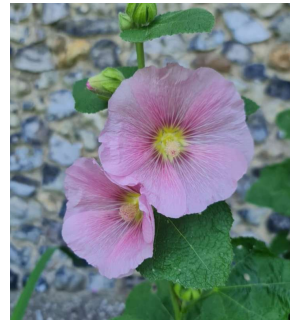
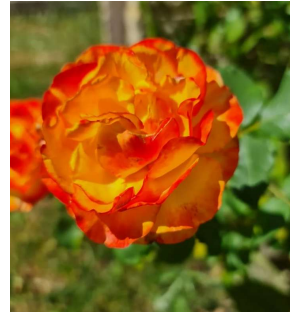
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's  
3pm Farewell Service

## Enjoying our churchyard

A church has many roles in a local community. For some locals a few moments sat on a bench in our churchyard is a welcome moment of calm in their busy lives.

St Mary's is very fortunate to have such a lovely churchyard. Thanks must go to the working party and fabric teams, who over the generations have kept it so well.

When was the last time you took a moment of prayer sat on a bench in our churchyard? When did you take a stroll to admire the blooms?



We lead such busy lives, we often forget to stop and find rest. I am know I am very guilty of it. Jesus knew he had to rest and knows we need it.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28*

Laura

# Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## A reading from Genesis 18.1-10a

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.  
2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.  
3 He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.  
4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.  
5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."  
6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."  
7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.  
8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.  
9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."  
10 Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 1.15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.  
17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.  
21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—

23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Hear the Gospel

### According to Luke

10.38-end

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Thursday's Readings (Year C)

### A Reading from Exodus 19.1-2, 9-11, 16-20

**1** On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

**2** They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

**9** Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after." When Moses had told the words of the people to the Lord,

**10** the Lord said to Moses: "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes

**11** and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

**16** On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

**17** Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

**18** Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently.

**19** As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder.

**20** When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Psalm 115

**1** Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord, ♦  
O praise the name of the Lord.

**2** Blessed be the name of the Lord, ♦  
from this time forth and for evermore.

**3** From the rising of the sun to its setting ♦  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**4** The Lord is high above all nations ♦  
and his glory above the heavens.

**5** Who is like the Lord our God,  
that has his throne so high, ♦  
yet humbles himself to behold

the things of heaven and earth?

**6** He raises the poor from the dust ♦  
and lifts the needy from the ashes,

**7** To set them with princes, ♦  
with the princes of his people.

**8** He gives the barren woman a place in the house ♦

and makes her a joyful mother of children.  
Alleluia

### Hear the Gospel

#### According to Matthew

13.10-17

#### GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

**10** Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

**11** He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

**12** For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

**13** The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand."

**14** With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: "You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

**15** For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them."

**16** But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

**17** Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

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).

## 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Scarecrow Festival



Save the date!

Let Laura or Sylvia know if you know a group who would like to make a scarecrow for it

## 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

## 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.

## 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

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July 3pm Farewell Eucharist at St Mary's  
 Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2pm Games Afternoon  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm Pudding and Plonk  
 Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sep Bike 'n' Hike Church open 9am-5pm Games afternoon  
 Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sep Messy Harvest  
 Sept 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Festival

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

	20 <sup>th</sup> July	27 <sup>th</sup> July
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	3pm Farewell Eucharist
<b>Music</b>	Mark Terry	Mark Terry
<b>Warden</b>	Dan Shirley	Sylvia Low
<b>Sides duty</b>	Pauline Buck	
<b>Welcomer</b>	Roger Witts	Dan Shirley
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Shirley	Fiona Shirley
<b>Prayers/ Intercessions</b>	Ian Dixon	Fiona Shirley
<b>Offertory</b>	Roger Witts Angela Witts	Harry G-B Laura G-B
<b>Chalice/ 1<sup>st</sup> Counter</b>	Katharine Haper	Janet Wright
<b>2nd Counter</b>	Roger Witts	Sylvia Low
<b>Refreshments</b>	Sylvia Low Alfie Cacciapuoti	Harry G-B Laura G-B
<b>Sunday School</b>		

Sue Bassett 17/07/2025