

# Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

**21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024**  
Eighth 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.

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## This Week at St Mary's

### Today

9.00am Bellringing  
9.30am Parish Eucharist  
3pm Messy Church

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am Bellringing  
9.30am Morning Prayer

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Dear All,

My earliest childhood memory, at the age of 2, was from Dudley Zoo. We had been visiting my Mum's older brother in Birmingham in summer prior to my sister being born in November. I think what made this memory special was because I was in a pushchair...normally I walked everywhere but I suspect the pushchair was necessary as being carried was not really an option! However, apart from the elephants, the fact that it was hilly because I had been terrified by a group of large, black, shiny barking animals. What do you think they were? Well, they were sea lions but to me, aged 2, they were absolutely terrifying as I remember hiding my face in my blanket. Of course, I am not scared of them now but that doesn't stop my nephew sending me pictures of them for a laugh...

I am sure if I were to revisit this zoo it would probably not be anything like my childhood memory. Would this spoil my first real memory? Lots of things we experience in life are likely to be influenced by the age we experience them. How many places have you revisited, and they have not been quite how you remember them. It doesn't necessarily mean that the place has changed (of course it might have) but our perception of it will have done.

Mind you this should not stop us going back to places where we have fond memories as we can create new ones. This of course might not apply to places where we have been to eat even it is somewhere that we have been very often. If we have a bad dining experience it is highly unlikely that we are going to go back unless there has been a change in ownership...

By the time you are reading this I will be on holiday from work and looking forward to visiting my family in Scotland. This year my daughter would like to return to a castle she was last in when she was 5. I wonder what she will think of it 12 years on. What were your earliest memories and how do you view them now as an adult? Have a great week and if you are off on your travels have a fantastic time.

Best wishes,  
Sylvia

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

### The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both  
here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 2.11-end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in

one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Thursday's Readings (Year B)

### Jeremiah

45.1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

This is the Word of the Lord

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### Psalms

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1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦  
then were we like those who dream.  
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦  
and our tongue with songs of joy.  
3 Then said they among the nations, ♦  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦  
and therefore we rejoiced.  
5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦  
as the river beds of the desert.  
6 Those who sow in tears ♦  
shall reap with songs of joy.  
7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦  
will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

### A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

20.20-28

#### **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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](mailto:info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk) by noon on Wednesday and copy it to [StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com).

## [SaintsKL2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:SaintsKL2@tiscali.co.uk)

This email address was hacked last Friday. As a consequence the office is not receiving all emails sent. While this is being sorted, please use the [info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](mailto:info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk) address to contact the office.

## Institution and Induction service

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30 for James officially becomes Team Rector. The service will take place at All Saints Church, Kings Langley during Choral Evensong followed by Fizz & Cake.

## Bishop of St Albans Open Garden

Sundays until 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## Bike 'n Hike Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

## Next Rota (for Aug to Oct)

Final call for dates you are unable to do on the rota the next 3 months so please can you let me know. Also, if you wish to be part of the rota team please do let me know as everyone welcome and we do need more people to help – it will help spread out the load and the frequency everyone has to do something. Thank you for your help with this. Sylvia

## Contact Information

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## 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, Bruce Boardman, 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 -251). 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 28<sup>th</sup> July Institution & Induction service for Father James, 4.30 pm Kings Langley  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 10-12.30pm Bellingring Masterclass  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Quiz Night at Nash Mills School

## Rotas - Who's doing what when

	21 <sup>st</sup> July	28 <sup>th</sup> July
	9.30 Eucharist	9.30 Morning Prayer
<b>Music</b>	Bruce Boardman	Peter Lipman
<b>Warden</b>	Sylvia Low	Sylvia Low
<b>Sides duty</b>	Katharine Harper	Pauline Buck
<b>Welcomer</b>	Melanie Henley	Roger & Angela Witts
<b>Reading</b>	Melanie Henley	Viv Hagel
<b>Intercessions</b>	Sue Jakeman	Laura GB
<b>Offertory</b>	Fiona Ellison & Melanie Henley	Not required
<b>Chalice</b>	Peter Bladon	Not required
<b>2nd Counter</b>	Fiona Shirley	Roger Witts
<b>Refreshments</b>	Viv Hagel & Sarah Barnard	Harry & Laura GB
<b>Sunday School</b>		

Sue Bassett 18/07/2024