

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



and welcome to our services today

6th July, 2025

Third 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

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| 10.00am | Bellringing at St Mary's |
| 10.30am | Parish Eucharist at St Mary's |
| 11.15am | Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's |
| 3pm | Messy Church at St Mary's |

Monday

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| 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

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| 9.30am | Buzzy Bees at St Mary's |
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Wednesday

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| 9.30–11.30am | Foodbank at St Benedict's |
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Thursday

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| 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

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| 10.00 -12.00 | Working Party in St Mary's Church & Churchyard. |
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Saturday

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| 10.00 -12.00 | Saturday Community Café at St Mary's |
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Sunday 13th July

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

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

The Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

66.10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.
For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

6.7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.
If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.
So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.
So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.
See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!
It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.
Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.
May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!
As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel

According to Luke

10.1-11, 16-20

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.
He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.
Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.
Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" and if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.
Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.
Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."
"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."
The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"
He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.
See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.
Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

A Reading from Genesis

44.18-21, 23-29; 45.1-5

18 Then Judah stepped up to him and said, "O my lord, let your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not be angry with your servant; for you are like Pharaoh himself.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, "Have you a father or a brother?"

20 And we said to my lord, "We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead; he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him."

21 Then you said to your servants, "Bring him down to me, so that I may set my eyes on him."

23 Then you said to your servants, "Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more."

24 When we went back to your servant my father we told him the words of my lord.

25 And when our father said, "Go again, buy us a little food,"

26 we said, "We cannot go down. Only if our youngest brother goes with us, will we go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us."

27 Then your servant my father said to us, "You know that my wife bore me two sons;

28 one left me, and I said, Surely he has been torn to pieces; and I have never seen him since.

29 If you take this one also from me, and harm comes to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in sorrow to Sheol."

1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 105.11-17

11 Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan ♦ to be the portion of your inheritance.'

12 When they were but few in number, ♦ of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation, ♦ from one kingdom to another people,

14 He suffered no one to do them wrong ♦ and rebuked even kings for their sake,

15 Saying, 'Touch not my anointed ♦ and do my prophets no harm.'

16 Then he called down famine over the land ♦ and broke every staff of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them, ♦ Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

Hear the Gospel

According to Matthew

10.7-15

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

7 As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.

11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

12 As you enter the house, greet it.

13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

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.

Friday 11th July Pudding and Plonk
At St Mary's

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, 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

Fri 11th July 7pm Pudding and Plonk at St Mary's
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 | | |
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| | 6 th July | 13 th July |
| | 9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church | 9.30 Parish Eucharist |
| Music | Mark Terry | Ian Hope |
| Warden | Harry G-B | Tim Ward |
| Sides duty | Peter Bladon | Colin Rivett |
| Welcomer | Pauline Buck | David Agg |
| Reader | Sue Jakeman | Janet Wright |
| Prayers/ Intercessions | Laura G-B | Dan Shirley |
| Offertory | Lillian Hopwood Ann Wiggins | Dan Shirley Fiona Shirley |
| Chalice/ 1 st Counter | Jim Aylott | Susan Rivett |
| 2nd Counter | Peter Bladon | Fiona Shirley |
| Refreshments | Ann Wiggins Lillian Hopwood | Jeanie Agg David Agg |
| Sunday School | | Lilian Hepwood |

Sue Bassett 02/07/2025