

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



and welcome to our services today

15th June, 2025

Trinity Sunday

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 No Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's

Monday

9.15-10.45 Little Bears at St Benedict's
12.30-2.30pm Apsley Community Foodbank & Café at St Mary's
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 Foodbank & 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 22nd June

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



Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honour the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the word "trinity" does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in [Matthew 28:18-20](#) and [2 Corinthians 13:14](#) (and many other biblical passages). The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Scriptural readings for the Trinity Sunday ceremony may include [Psalm 8](#), beginning and ending with, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." [Second Corinthians 13:11-13](#) appeals to believers to aim for perfection and live in peace, ending with the prayer that the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all, including again the commission Jesus left for believers in [Matthew 28:16-20](#).

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

The Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your
truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of
your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not
understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the
crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town, at the
entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that
live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his
work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I
was set up, at the first, before the beginning of
the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought
forth, when there were no springs abounding
with water. Before the mountains had been
shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth —
when he had not yet made earth and fields, or
the world's first bits of soil. When he established
the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle
on the face of the deep, when he made firm the
skies above, when he established the fountains
of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its
limit, so that the waters might not transgress his
command, when he marked out the foundations
of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master
worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him
always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and
delighting in the human race.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from Romans

5.1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have obtained
access to this grace in which we stand; and
we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of
God. And not only that, but we also boast in our
sufferings, knowing that suffering produces
endurance, and endurance produces
character, and character produces hope, and
hope does not disappoint us, because God's
love has been poured into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel

According to John

16.12-15

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'I still have many things to say to you, but you
cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth
comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he
will not speak on his own, but will speak
whatever he hears, and he will declare to you
the things that are to come. He will glorify me,
because he will take what is mine and declare it
to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this
reason I said that he will take what is mine and
declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

2 Corinthians 11.1-11

1 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me!
2 I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by its cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough.
5 I think that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.
6 I may be untrained in speech, but not in knowledge; certainly in every way and in all things we have made this evident to you.
7 Did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I proclaimed God's good news to you free of charge?
8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you.
9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for my needs were supplied by the friends who came from Macedonia. So I refrained and will continue to refrain from burdening you in any way.
10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boast of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia.
11 And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Psalm 111

1 Alleluia.
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, ♦
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
2 The works of the Lord are great, ♦
sought out by all who delight in them.
3 His work is full of majesty and honour ♦
and his righteousness endures for ever.
4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; ♦ the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
5 He gave food to those who feared him; ♦
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6 He showed his people the power of his works ♦
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; ♦
all his commandments are sure.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever; ♦
they are done in truth and equity.
9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; ♦
holy and awesome is his name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it; ♦
his praise endures for ever.

Hear the Gospel

According to Matthew

6.7-15

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.
8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
9 "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.
14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;
15 but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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 by noon on Wednesday and copy it to StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com.

Team Service at St Mary's on Sunday 29th June at 10.30am

Please note the different time to our usual service. Everyone welcome. Looking forward to seeing you.

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

Do you enjoy helping to run groups for little ones and their adults? Are you free on a Monday morning? Little Bears is looking for new volunteers, to be on the rota after the end of July. This would not need to be a weekly commitment. If no new volunteers can be found, it is likely that the group will stop running after Mother Alice leaves at the end of July. If you, or someone you know, might be able to lend a hand, please be in touch with Mother Alice. Thank you.

Saturday 5th July 2pm-5pm St Mary's Garden Party

Refreshments, plant stall, other stalls, raffle and games. Please come and join us for refreshments fun and games.

There are sign up sheets if you are able to help or provide cakes/ scones. Also raffle prizes and plants required.

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!

St Mary's WhatsApp group is used for quick questions and messages. If you are a member of St Mary's and not already a member of this group, do consider joining it by contacting any of the admins (Katharine Harper, Laura G-Brown, Harry G-Brown and Rachel Woods) Janet Wright

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

All are invited to join us 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. However, at St Mary's there will be a lay led service at 9.30 am.

Dates for your diary

Sat 5th July 2pm St Mary's Garden Party in Churchyard
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		
	15 th June	22 nd June
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Eucharist
Music	Mark Terry	Mark Terry
Warden	Sue Jakeman	Sue Jakeman
Sides duty	Laura GB	Pauline Buck
Welcomer	Roger Witts	Peter Bladon
Reader	Katharine Harper	Sue Jakeman
Prayers/ Intercessions	Laura GB	Katharine Harper
Offertory	Angela Witts Roger Witts	Jeannie Agg
Chalice/ 1 st Counter	Katharine Harper	Peter Bladon
2 nd Counter	Roger Witts	Jim Aylott
Refreshments	Jeanie Agg David Agg	Janet Wright
Sunday School		