

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

16th June, 2024
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

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
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 23rd June

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Morning Eucharist

Want to Volunteer?



Dear All,

I have been reflecting this week that we all have something that we are great at; some of us are brilliant bakers whilst others are great organisers. Many of us have "hidden" talents or talents that others may not be aware of because the opportunity for using them has never arisen. Sometimes we do not realise that we have picked up skills from our life experiences that can be beneficial in another setting or as it can be described as our "transferable skills". However, many of us will be aware of our transferable skills because we have filled in job applications where knowing these skills is important. This made me think that within Team St Mary's there may be many hidden talents awaiting to be revealed...talents that can be used to help fill vacant positions, increase numbers on rotas or simply help at our Church fundraising events!

As Harry mentioned last Sunday we are looking to increase the number of people who are able to be on Chalice duty and also to act as Verger at Weddings, Funerals or Baptisms; training, of course, will be provided. Neither of these roles are complicated but by being willing to do this you will in some small way be supporting our Church. For the Verger role we are looking to create a "bank" of people so that the load can be spread; we need people who are available from Monday to Saturday. However, no one needs to be available every day or even a whole day; for example if I was considering this role I would be available on Tuesdays between 9 am and 2 pm and Saturdays. At the moment we do not have these events on a weekly basis so no one would have to commit to anything with that sort of frequency; if we had many people then it wouldn't be that often that any one person would be called on to do their bit. Please have a think about your hidden talents and if you think you can help with either of these roles please speak to Harry or myself.

Finally, our fundraising team needs more help with the Family Fun Day on the 29th June- we need people to bake cakes, run a stall, provide goods for the hamper raffle and toys for the toy stall. If you are able to help in any way please contact Viv or add your name to one of the sheets at the back of the Church. What talent will you use to help with this or any other aspect of Church life? Have a think as you never know what you can do... Have a good week.

Best wishes,
Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 Ezekiel

17.22-end

Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the 2nd Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

5.6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

4.26-34

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

1 Kings

18.41-end

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of
old.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalms

97.1-8

1 The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; ♦
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.
3 Fire goes before him ♦
and burns up his enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings lit up the world; ♦
the earth saw it and trembled.
5 The mountains melted like wax at the
presence of the Lord, ♦
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declared his righteousness, ♦
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
7 Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in mere idols. ♦
Bow down before him, all you gods.
8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters
of Judah rejoiced, ♦
because of your judgements, O Lord.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

6.7-16

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'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. Do not be
like them, for your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you; 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 SaintsKL2@fiscali.co.uk by noon on Wednesday and copy it to StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com.

St Albans Day this year is on Saturday 22nd June and is a vibrant celebration that takes place in the city and starts at 11am at St Peters Church at the top of the city high Street. It retells the story of St Alban Britain's first saint. The procession with giant puppets makes its way to the West End of the Cathedral before entering the Cathedral itself for the special service at 12noon. Various other events take place during the day and there are stalls on the Orchard selling food for you to buy!! All are welcome to join in this important Diocesan event For more details please speak to Peter Bladon.

Family Fun Day – 29th June

Donations required for hamper as a raffle prize and other suitable gifts for prizes. Good quality toys. There is a box for these at the back of church. If anyone has a gazebo we could borrow please let us know. Also plants required to sell on the day. Please sign up if you are able to provide cakes for the cake stall. We still need volunteers for help on the day to make this a successful fundraising event. Many thanks. Viv

Children's Society

If you have a Children's Society collection box, they are now due to be given back to Hazel Littlejohns for her to do the annual return. If you are unable to get your box to her, please bring back to church and pass to Peter Bladon.

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you so much to everyone that has responded to the Nascent House requests. It has been truly amazing! Our needs are now sweets (small packets), individual bars of soap, notelets/cards, nail brushes, shampoo, large boxes of tissues and boxes with lids (17L to 25L). Please remember that the products must not contain alcohol. If you would like to know more about this scheme, come and have a chat. Susan & Viv

Contact Information

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Pray Hemel

Pray Hemel will be at St B's on Saturday 6th July. If anyone is able to help St B's serve breakfast at 8am before their service please speak to Sylvia or Harry. Thank you.

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, Ian Hope, 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.

Dates for your diary

Sat 29th June Family Fun Day
Sun 30th June Joint Benefice Service at 10.30am
Sat 6th July 8am Pray Hemel at St B's
Sun 7th July 3pm Messy Church
Sat 13th July 10am Fabric Committee Meeting
Sat 17th Aug 10-12.30pm Bellingring Masterclass
Sun 18th Aug 3pm Messy Church

Rotas - Who's doing what when

	16 th June	23 rd June
	9.30 Eucharist	9.30 Eucharist
Music	Bruce Boardman	Bruce Boardman
Warden	Sylvia Low	Dan Shirley
Sides duty	Pauline Buck	Peter & Rosemary Bladon
Welcomer	Colin Rivett	Viv Hagel
Reading	Melanie Henley	Katharine Harper
Intercessions	Viv Hagel	Fiona Shirley
Offertory	Sylvia Low & TBA	Fiona Ellison & Melanie Henley
Chalice	Susan Rivett	Peter Bladon
2nd Counter	Jim Aylott	Fiona Shirley
Refreshments	Jeanie Agg & Sarah Barnard	Harry & Laura GB
Sunday School	Laura GB	Hazel Pritchard

Sue Bassett 13/06/2024