

# Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024  
Fourth 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  
3.00pm 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 30<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am Bellringing  
10.30am Team Eucharist Service

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Dear All,

Well, what a relief that the weather has improved, especially the increase in temperature! It makes doing anything outside all that more enjoyable so let's hope it continues until our Family Fun Day on the 29th. As we approach the longest day I am reminded of what people do to celebrate this. We often see, on television, groups of people marking this day at Stonehenge but given recent events I hope this has not affected what they would normally do. Of course, lots of people don't do anything different on this day and possibly don't even notice it but living in Scotland you do notice the difference in daylight.

In Dundee where I grew up the sun sets around 10.10 pm on the longest day which is over an hour later than here. If we have clear evenings like we have tonight it isn't really dark until after 11 pm; this is something that I do miss as you can do so much more with your evenings after a day at work. When I was still at secondary school we had a hillwalking club and one year we decided to ascend Lochnagar (a mountain well over 3000 ft high, near Balmoral Castle) to reach the summit as the sun rose at midsummer. This of course meant that we had to do the climb during the night...it was a brilliant experience and clearly one that had a profound impact on me. However, seeing the sun rise is not a guarantee and as we waited at the summit the cloud started to build but suddenly there was a gap in the clouds just at the right moment as the sun appeared - oh the joy and happiness as the crowd of people who had been as mad as us celebrated this simple act of nature!

We all have different ways of celebrating whether it is a birthday, a new job or any other of life's successes. We can all celebrate what we do as a Church as we support each other and our wider community; therefore, many congratulations to Father James, our new Team Rector. Also, please remember that next Sunday is a Team Service at St Mary's at **10.30 am**. Have a wonderful week and please remember to support our Family Fun Day in any way you can, to make it a success for all. Thank you.

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 Job 38.1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without  
knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you,  
and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the  
earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you  
know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its  
cornerstone when the morning stars sang  
together and all the heavenly beings shouted for  
joy?

'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out  
from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment, and thick  
darkness its swaddling band,  
and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and  
doors,

and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no  
farther, and here shall your proud waves be  
stopped"?

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 6.1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not  
to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,  
'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and  
on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the  
day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in  
anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with  
our ministry, but as servants of God we have  
commended ourselves in every way: through great  
endurance, in afflictions, hardships,  
calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours,  
sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge,  
patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine  
love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with  
the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and  
for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and  
good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet  
are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as  
dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet  
not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,  
yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet  
possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our  
heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in  
our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as  
to children—open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 4.35-end

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to  
them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And  
leaving the crowd behind, they took him with  
them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats  
were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves  
beat into the boat, so that the boat was already  
being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep  
on the cushion; and they woke him up and said  
to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are  
perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind,  
and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the  
wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He  
said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still  
no faith?' And they were filled with great awe  
and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that  
even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Thursday's Readings (Year B)

### The Second book of Kings 24.8-17

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; he reigned for three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as his father had done.

At that time the servants of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; King Jehoiachin of Judah gave himself up to the king of Babylon, himself, his mother, his servants, his officers, and his palace officials. The king of Babylon took him prisoner in the eighth year of his reign.

He carried off all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he cut in pieces all the vessels of gold in the temple of the Lord, which King Solomon of Israel had made, all this as the Lord had foretold. He carried away all Jerusalem, all the officials, all the warriors, ten thousand captives, all the artisans and the smiths; no one remained, except the poorest people of the land. He carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; the king's mother, the king's wives, his officials, and the elite of the land, he took into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. The king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of valour, seven thousand, the artisans and the smiths, one thousand, all of them strong and fit for war. The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

This is the Word of the Lord

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### Psalm

79.1-9, 12

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your heritage;  
♦ your holy temple have they defiled and made  
Jerusalem a heap of stones.
- 2 The dead bodies of your servants they have given  
to be food for the birds of the air, ♦ and the flesh of  
your faithful to the beasts of the field.
- 3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side  
of Jerusalem, ♦ and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become the taunt of our neighbours, ♦  
the scorn and derision of those that are round about us.
- 5 Lord, how long will you be angry, for ever? ♦  
How long will your jealous fury blaze like fire?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not  
known you, ♦ and upon the kingdoms that have not  
called upon your name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob ♦ and laid waste his  
dwelling place.
- 8 Remember not against us our former sins; ♦ let your  
compassion make haste to meet us, for we are brought  
very low.
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your  
name; ♦ deliver us, and wipe away our sins for your  
name's sake.
- 12 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come  
before you, ♦ and by your mighty arm preserve those  
who are condemned to die.

### A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

7.21-end

#### GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord", will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers."

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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](mailto:SaintsKL2@fiscali.co.uk) by noon on Wednesday and copy it to [StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com).

## Family Fun Day – 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that The Reverend James McDonald, currently Team Vicar in the Langelei Team Ministry and Assistant Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead, has been appointed as Team Rector of the Langelei Team. The Institution and Induction service for James will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm at All Saints Church, Kings Langley. Please remember James and Rachel in your prayers at this time. Bishop Jane

## Children's Society

Many thanks to all those who got their Children's Society collection boxes back to Hazel Littlejohns earlier on this month. The total raised this year was £510.60 a good result. The new boxes for this current year should have been returned to you showing the total that you raised, and if you would like to have one there are a couple at the back of church!! Thanks, must also go to Hazell & Mark for all their hard work and support in this area.

## 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

## Pray Hemel

Pray Hemel will be at St Benedict's on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. If anyone is able to help St Benedict'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, 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.



## Dates for your diary

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

Rotas - Who's doing what when		
	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June
	9.30 Eucharist 3pm Messy Church	10.30 Team Eucharist
Music	Bruce Boardman	Peter Lipman
Warden	Dan Shirley	Sylvia Low
Sides duty	Peter & Rosemary Bladon	Colin Rivett
Welcomer	Viv Hagel	Sylvia Low
Reading	Katharine Harper	Dan Shirley
Intercessions	Fiona Shirley	Sue Jakeman
Offertory	Fiona Ellison & Melanie Henley	Shirley family
Chalice	Peter Bladon	Katharine Harper
2nd Counter	Fiona Shirley	Susan Rivett
Refreshments	Harry & Laura GB	Viv Hagel & Melanie Henley
Sunday School	Hazel Pritchard	Lilian Hepwood