

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

2nd June, 2024
First 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

Monday

10.00 -12.00 Working Party
7.00pm PCC Meeting
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 9th June

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Morning Eucharist



Dear All,

Last Sunday, Father James on St Mary's behalf admitted to communion Ewelina and Julia; they and their Mum, Angelika, are newer members of our Church community with the young ladies being active participants in our Sunday school. Let us all celebrate this important step and recognise their commitment to God. We look forward to seeing them all soon,

This first communion reminded me of when my daughter had both her baptism and first communion one Easter many years ago which was to her and to our family a very special day. Not many of you will know this but when I first walked through the door of St Mary's it was to accompany my daughter in her spiritual journey. At that time I wasn't confirmed but had been baptised; little did we know that day would end up with me being one of the Churchwardens writing in the bulletin... It was my daughter's determination to do this that encouraged me to become confirmed!

Do you remember your first communion and confirmation? Obviously, mine was not that long ago so it is still a vivid memory for several reasons. Not long before I began the confirmation classes my Mum lost her battle with cancer and her passing was such a huge loss. However, it was her spirituality and positive mindset that motivated and supported me through these classes; I felt that she was with me every step of the way. Also, when Bishop Michael placed his hand on my head during the confirmation service I felt a warmth spread throughout my entire body; this was such an unexpected and inexplicable occurrence that it made that day very memorable. I would like to think that this experience was an affirmation of my choice to be confirmed but part of me thinks it could have been the presence of God or perhaps even my Mum!

Have a wonderful week and maybe something unexpected will happen that will remind you of your spiritual journey. Just to let you know that last week's quest to tame the weeds into submission in my garden has been thwarted by the weather but as I write the sun is shining so I am off to do battle...

Best wishes,
Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal
nature we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Moses -

Deuteronomy 5.12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as
the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you
shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day
is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do
any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your
male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or
any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your
towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as
well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the
land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out
from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched
arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to
keep the sabbath day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4.5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for
Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light
shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of
God in the face of Jesus Christ.
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may
be made clear that this extraordinary power
belongs to God and does not come from us. We
are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted,
but not forsaken; struck down, but not
destroyed; always carrying in the body the death
of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made
visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are
always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so
that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our
mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 2.23-3.6

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

One sabbath he was going through the
cornfields; and as they made their way his
disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The
Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing
what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said
to them, 'Have you never read what David did
when he and his companions were hungry and in
need of food? He entered the house of God,
when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread
of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but
the priests to eat, and he gave some to his
companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath
was made for humankind, and not humankind for
the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the
sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man
was there who had a withered hand. They
watched him to see whether he would cure him
on the sabbath, so that they might accuse
him. And he said to the man who had the
withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to
them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the
sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were
silent. He looked around at them with anger; he
was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to
the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it
out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees
went out and immediately conspired with the
Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

Psalm 37

1 Fret not because of evildoers; ♦
be not jealous of those who do wrong.
2 For they shall soon wither like grass ♦
and like the green herb fade away.
3 Trust in the Lord and be doing good; ♦
dwell in the land and be nourished with truth.
4 Let your delight be in the Lord ♦
and he will give you your heart's desire.
5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, ♦
and he will bring it to pass.
6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light ♦
and your just dealing as the noonday.
7 Be still before the Lord and wait for him; ♦ do not fret over those that
prosper as they follow their evil schemes.
8 Refrain from anger and abandon wrath; ♦
do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off, ♦
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
10 Yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; ♦
you will search for their place and find them gone.
11 But the lowly shall possess the land ♦
and shall delight in abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plot against the righteous ♦
and gnash at them with their teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh at the wicked, ♦
for he sees that their day is coming.
14 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the
poor and needy, ♦ to slaughter those who walk in truth.
15 Their sword shall go through their own heart ♦
and their bows shall be broken.
16 The little that the righteous have ♦
is better than great riches of the wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, ♦
but the Lord upholds the righteous.
18 The Lord knows the days of the godly, ♦
and their inheritance shall stand for ever.
19 They shall not be put to shame in the perilous time, ♦
and in days of famine they shall have enough.
20 But the wicked shall perish; like the glory of the meadows the enemies
of the Lord shall vanish; ♦ they shall vanish like smoke.
21 The wicked borrow and do not repay, ♦
but the righteous are generous in giving.
22 For those who are blest by God shall possess the land, ♦ but those
who are cursed by him shall be rooted out.
23 When your steps are guided by the Lord ♦ and you delight in his way,
24 Though you stumble, you shall not fall headlong, ♦
for the Lord holds you fast by the hand.
25 I have been young and now am old, ♦ yet never have I seen the
righteous forsaken, or their children begging their bread.
26 All the day long they are generous in lending, ♦
and their children also shall be blest.
27 Depart from evil and do good ♦ and you shall abide for ever.
28 For the Lord loves the thing that is right ♦
and will not forsake his faithful ones.
29 The unjust shall be destroyed for ever, ♦
and the offspring of the wicked shall be rooted out.
30 The righteous shall possess the land ♦ and dwell in it for ever.
31 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, ♦
and their tongue speaks the thing that is right.
32 The law of their God is in their heart ♦
and their footsteps shall not slide.
33 The wicked spy on the righteous ♦ and seek occasion to slay them.
34 The Lord will not leave them in their hand, ♦
nor let them be condemned when they are judged.
35 Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; ♦ he will raise you up to possess
the land, and when the wicked are uprooted, you shall see it.
36 I myself have seen the wicked in great power ♦
and flourishing like a tree in full leaf.
37 I went by and lo, they were gone; ♦
I sought them, but they could nowhere be found.
38 Keep innocence and heed the thing that is right, ♦
for that will bring you peace at the last.
39 But the sinners shall perish together, ♦
and the posterity of the wicked shall be rooted out.
40 The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; ♦
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
41 The Lord shall stand by them and deliver them; ♦
he shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them, because they
have put their trust in him.

A reading from Joshua

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A long time afterwards, when the Lord had given rest to Israel
from all their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and well
advanced in years, Joshua summoned all Israel, their elders and
heads, their judges and officers, and said to them, 'I am now old
and well advanced in years; and you have seen all that the Lord
your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the
Lord your God who has fought for you. I have allotted to you as
an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along
with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to
the Great Sea in the west. The Lord your God will push them back
before you, and drive them out of your sight; and you shall
possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you. Therefore
be very steadfast to observe and do all that is written in the book
of the law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right nor
to the left, so that you may not be mixed with these nations left here
among you, or make mention of the names of their gods, or
swear by them, or serve them, or bow yourselves down to them,
but hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day.
For the Lord has driven out before you great and strong nations;
and as for you, no one has been able to withstand you to this
day. One of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the Lord your
God who fights for you, as he promised you. Be very careful,
therefore, to love the Lord your God. For if you turn back, and join
the survivors of these nations left here among you, and intermarry
with them, so that you marry their women and they yours, know
assuredly that the Lord your God will not continue to drive out
these nations before you; but they shall be a snare and a trap for
you, a scourge on your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you
perish from this good land that the Lord your God has given you.
'And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you
know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one thing has
failed of all the good things that the Lord your God promised
concerning you; all have come to pass for you, not one of them
has failed. But just as all the good things that the Lord your God
promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you, so the Lord
will bring upon you all the bad things, until he has destroyed you
from this good land that the Lord your God has given you. If you
transgress the covenant of the Lord your God, which he enjoined
on you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them,
then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and you
shall perish quickly from the good land that he has given to you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 12.41-48

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for
everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and
prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves,
to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed
is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.
Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.
But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming",
and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and
to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come
on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he
does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the
unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did
not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe
beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a
beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom
much has been given, much will be required; and from one to
whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

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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.

Family Fun Day

Please can you bring donations for the Fun Day. Donation are required for raffle prizes, good quality toys and nearer the time plants and homemade cakes If you are able to help on Saturday 29th June 1pm-4pm there is a sign up sheet at the back of church. We welcome as much help as possible to make this a successful fundraising event for our church.

Many thanks
Viv

St. Albans Diocesan Synod 2024-2027 elections

A new Diocesan Synod must be elected this year and will take office on 1st August 2024. Our Deanery is required to elect 3 members to the House of Laity, and any lay person who is an actual communicant of 16 years or upwards and whose name is entered on the electoral roll of any parish in the Deanery is eligible. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to your clergy or Deanery representative. Nominations are required by Thursday 11th June 2024.

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

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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, Peter Lipman, 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

Mon 3rd June PCC Meeting

Sat 29th June Family Fun Day

Rotas - Who's doing what when

	2 nd June	9 th June
	9.30 Morning Service	9.30 Eucharist
Music	Peter Lipman	Ian Hope
Warden	Tim Ward	Harry GB
Sides duty	Ann Wiggins	Laura GB
Welcomer	Monda Ajaqzi	Roger & Angela Witts
Reading	Susan Rivett	Viv Hagel
Intercessions	Sue Jakeman	Dan Shirley
Offertory	Melanie Henley & Alfie Cacciapuoti	Susan & Colin Rivett
Chalice	Peter Bladon	Katharine Harper
2nd Counter	Kyajdi Ceci	Roger Witts
Refreshments	Melanie Henley & Alfie Cacciapuoti	Dan & Fiona Shirley
Sunday School	Laura GB	Peter Bladon

Sue Bassett 30/05/2024