

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

12th May, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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
11.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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 19th May

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Parish Eucharist
3.00pm Messy Church



Dear All,

Well one of the things that make life interesting is trying something new or doing something different. This is what happened to me yesterday when I was asked who would be filling in for Alice in her letter slot; for some reason I find myself to be that person! I do love a challenge...

As it turns out this has turned out to be an ideal opportunity, with the APCM today, to give a huge thank you to all of you, who make a contribution to life at St Mary's no matter how large or small; It is really appreciated and valued. However, there is one person who deserves to have a special mention as they have surpassed their remit in many ways in the role they are to relinquish today. After many years of invaluable service Susan Rivett is stepping down from her role as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. She has gone above and beyond to ensure that safeguarding at St Mary's and St Benedict's is well-organised, up to date and an integral part of Church life. As the role evolved over the years, with more and more being added to it and thereby greater responsibility and expectations she embraced it all. We know she has left safeguarding in a very good place so on behalf of everyone at St Mary's thank you very much for your unwavering support, dedication and hard work Susan; enjoy your well-deserved freedom! Over the past few months, we have seen some unforeseen changes that have meant that "Team St Mary's" has had to draw on its resources and adapt. It is quite amazing how adversity brings out the best in people and it is heartwarming to see it in action with so many of you being willing to do a little bit extra to fill in the gaps where needed. This is why our Church is so special and why I am proud to be part of the team. Therefore, please remember Janet and Alice, the absent members of our team, in your prayers. They are both missed and the place isn't the same without them. Have a good week.

Best wishes,
Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
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

Acts of the Apostles 1.15-17,21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

A reading from the

First Letter of John 5.9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 17.6-19

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

A reading from Ezekiel

11.14-20

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'They have gone far from the Lord; to us this land is given for a possession.' Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone. Therefore say: Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

9.35-10.20

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 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. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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 SaintsKL2@fiscali.co.uk by noon on Wednesday and copy it to StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com.

Christian Aid Week

Today Sunday 12th May is the beginning of Christian Aid Week. If you would be willing to financial support it, please put your donation in the special Christian Aid envelope and place it in the offertory plate, either this week or next."

TODAY! Sunday 12th May at 11am
Annual Parish Church Meeting in church

Family Fun Day

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

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

Friday 24th May - FOS Ceilidh

The Friends of All Saints are hosting a Ceilidh in the Community Centre in Kings Langley. Tickets are £15 from Brian McAdam, include a light supper. The bar will be open. bmcadam1@sky.com

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

Sun 12th May APCM in the church at 11am
Sun 19th May Messy Church
Sat 29th June Family Fun Day

Rotas - Who's doing what when

| | 12 th May | 19 th May |
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| | 9.30 Parish Eucharist | 9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church |
| Music | Bruce Boardman | Bruce Boardman |
| Warden | Harry G-B | Sylvia Low |
| Sides duty | Katharine Harper | Colin Rivett |
| Welcomer | Sylvia Low | Roger & Angela Witts |
| Reading | Fiona Shirley | Joy West |
| Intercessions | Sue Jakeman | Dan Shirley |
| Offertory | Susan & Colin Rivett | Shirley family |
| Chalice | Susan Rivett | Peter Bladon |
| 2nd Counter | Roger Witts | Colin Rivett |
| Refreshments | Laura & Harry G-B | Sylvia Low & Ann Wiggins |
| Sunday School | Peter Bladon | 3pm Messy Church |