

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



and welcome to our services today

10th November, 2024
Remembrance 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
St Benedict's to join St Mary's

Monday

9-10.30am Little Bears at St Benedict's
10.00 -12.00 Working Party at St Mary's
8.00pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

Tuesday

9.30am Buzzy Bees at St Mary's
12.30-2.30pm St Mary's Foodbank and Community Café

Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Foodbank at St Benedict's

Thursday

9.30 - 3.30 St Mary's Church open for private prayer
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
10.00 – 12.00 St Mary's Foodbank & Community Café
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 10th November

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



Dear Friends

Today is Remembrance Sunday, a day which has come to mean a few different things to different people, depending on their generation and their experience. In our service this morning we will pray for those named on our war memorial board, who gave their lives in the great conflicts of the 20th Century. It is important that we do this. If we have reservations about the keeping of Remembrance Sunday, they might be related to nationalism or the glorification of war. We mustn't lose sight of the great sacrifice made by many, in order to halt the spread of fascism across Europe. I tend not to dwell too much on the nationalistic elements of Remembrance Sunday. I will always remember my visit to the battlefields of Belgium and France, and especially the German cemeteries. They are so much smaller than the British and American cemeteries, because the losing 'side' were allowed so much less space to bury their dead. It is an appalling sight; single graves with 10 or 20 bodies buried in them, the lack of dignity, the lack of compassion.

The world we live in can be so violent and harsh, so cruel and unforgiving. We see the horrific footage of atrocities committed not so far from here, only a plane journey away, in the territory we like to think of as 'the Holy Land'. What the world needs now is radical acts of understanding and forgiveness.

We can be people of compassion, in the small things and large things of our lives. We can move gently through the world. Who was it that said 'If you want to change the world, go home and love your family' ? We can start from where we are, in our spheres of influence, and see how far goodness and gentleness will spread.

Yours in Christ

Mother Alice

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A reading from the book of Jonah

3.1-5,10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

9.24-end

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Mark

1.14-20

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

A Reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon

7-20

I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 146.4-end

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them; ♦

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦
and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦
the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦

but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

17.26-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'

Then he said to the disciples, 'The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, "Look there!" or "Look here!" Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Contact Information

Vicar: Mthr Alice Jolley ☎01442 615246
mthr.AliceJolley@outlook.com

General Enquiries: Please contact the Benefice Office
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 12.30pm

Administrator/Benefice Office:

Sue Bassett ☎ 01923 266596 or 07503 950315 or
info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

Facebook: St Mary's Apsley End

Twitter: @StMarys1871

Churchwardens: Sylvia Low ☎ 07742 610932
SylviayLow@gmail.com

Harry Graham-Brown ☎ 07918 071542
Harry.GB63@gmail.com

Safeguarding: Katharine Harper ☎ 07881 602024
KatharineHarper23@gmail.com

Website/calendar: www.BeneficeofLangelei.org.uk/StMarys

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.

Little Bears at St B's Needs You

Are you free for a few hours on a Monday morning? Little Bears runs from 8.30 am to 11 am each Monday and they are looking for help to keep this valued toddler group running. If you can help or know someone that can please get in touch with one of St Mary's churchwardens. Thank you.

Christmas Puddings

Susan Rivett is making luxury Christmas Puddings and raising funds for church! Suggested minimum donation is: **small (200g) - £3.50, medium (400g) - £5.00 or large (600g) - £6.50.** (Weights approx.) Special requests such as gluten – free, alcohol free, no nuts etc. available. Sign up sheet at the back of church.



Rotary Club Santa Sleigh



Sunday 24th November
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Volunteers needed please – names to Viv

St Mary's Christmas Bazaar

This will be held from 12 – 3 pm on Saturday 30th November. If you are able to help in any way either on the 29th (to set up) or 30th November please sign the sheets at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Friday 13th December 3.30pm

Nash Mills C of E School Christmas Fair

Please come sing carols with Marina, let her know (missmmckenna@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

Saturday 14th December

during Saturday café the tree will be decorated so if you are free that day please come along and use your talents to do this. Everyone welcome.

Job Opportunities with The Diocese:

Diocesan Director of Education and Church Growth Officer
Further details online using links below:
www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/directorofeducation/
www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/cgo/

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. St Benedict's foodbank is open Wednesdays 9.30-12.00
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.

Assistance at all foodbanks gratefully received. If you can help, do come and see us.

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of packets of sweets, shower gel, toothpaste, bars of soap, nail brushes, notelets and boxes with lids (171 -25l). Please note items must not contain alcohol. If you would like further information about this scheme, please speak to Susan or Viv.

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

Sun 17th Nov 3pm Messy Church
Sun 17th Nov 6.30pm Deanery Confirmation at HT
Sun 24th Nov 5.30-7.30 RCHH Santa Sleigh
Sat 30th Nov Christmas Bazaar – Save the Date!
Sat 14th Dec Christmas Tree Decorating

Rotas - Who's doing what when

	10th November	17th November
	9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist
Music	Peter Lipman	Mark Terry
Warden	Tim Ward	Sylvia Low
Sides duty	Monda Ajazi	Laura G-B
Welcomer	Fiona Shirley	Ann Wiggins
Reader	Fiona Shirley	Melanie Henley
Prayers/ Intercessions	Dan Shirley	Ian Dixon
Offerory	Dan Shirley & Fiona Shirley	Viv Hagel
Chalice	Peter Bladon	Sylvia Low
2nd Counter	Sylvia Low	Katherine Harper
Refreshments	Monda Ajazi & Sylvia Low	Klajdi Ceci
Sunday School	Laure G B	Ann Wiggins & Alfie Cacciapouti