

Welcome to St Mary's Apsley



and welcome to our service today

12th November, 2023

Remembrance Sunday (Ordinary Time II)

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

10.00am Bellringing
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's

Monday

10.00 - 12.00 Working Party
8.00pm Bellringing practice

Tuesday

9.30am Buzzy Bees in the Refectory

Thursday

9.30 - 3.30 Church open for private prayer
9.30 - 12.00 Foodbank and Community Café
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
10.15am Study Group in the vestry
8.00pm Virtual Study group on Zoom
All welcome (link on website/calendar)

Friday

10.00 - 12.00 Working Party

Saturday

9.30am Fabric Committee Meeting
10.00 - 12.00 Saturday Community Café

Sunday 19th November

9.00am Bellringing
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
3.00pm Messy Church



Dear Friends,

It's been a busy week at St Mary's! Our Thursday morning community café is going from strength to strength, last week our amazing volunteers served 60 hot meals. We see so many lovely people coming through our doors in search of friendship, food, warmth, community and connection. It is an amazing thing that we are doing. On Tuesday this week we celebrated the wedding of Paul and Alina, an intimate service with a handful of guests (my favourite weddings are the small ones with the minimum of fuss! They feel very holy). We are seeing an increase in the number of people coming to worship with us on a Sunday, quite a few of whom are our next door neighbours at Oxygen.

These are all such encouraging signs! Our church is a place of welcome and safety, of friendship and fun. It is a place where people who truly seek God can come and find him, and this is what we need to lean into and develop over time.

During Advent we will be thinking together about these themes of growth and goodness, holiness and truth, faith and hope, and how we can increasingly live them out in our life together.

Yours in Christ,
Mother Alice

Morning Prayer at St Benedict's:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 9.30am

Evening Prayer at St Benedict's:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 5.30pm

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year A)

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 the Wisdom of Solomon

6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire
her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free
from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from the first Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians

4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then
we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord
in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for
ever. Therefore encourage one another with
these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

25.1-

13

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of
his glory. All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to
those at his right hand, "Come, you that are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the
world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I
was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I
was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and
you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited
me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you
food, or thirsty and gave you something to
drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger
and welcomed you, or naked and gave you
clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or
in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer
them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these who are members of my family, you
did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left
hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I
was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and
in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also
will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in
prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will
answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do
it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to
me." And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Collect and Readings (Year A)

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A reading from the Epistle from

Paul to the Romans

15.14-21

I myself feel confident about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. Nevertheless, on some points I have written to you rather boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written, 'Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

16.1-8

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light

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

Advent 'Faith and Hope' discussion group.

Wednesday 29th Nov, 6th Dec, and 13th Dec, 7pm at the Vicarage. Festive snacks and drinks! More info in the notices at church.

RCHH Santa Sleigh

'We could still do with one more volunteer collector to walk with the Santa Sleigh outing on Sunday 17th December between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. If you are interested and can help please speak to Viv 07837560873 for more information. It's wonderful to see the children's faces when they see Santa.

Could you be our next Safeguarding Officer?

The PCC is seeking a candidate to take over from Susan Rivett when she steps down in the spring of 2024. Please consider prayerfully whether God might be calling you to take on this highly important role in the life of our church. It will be possible to shadow Susan for a few months if early notice of interest is given!

Christmas Bazaar - 9th Dec

We still have spaces for more volunteers and will be asking for people to leaflet drop, bake cakes and be involved in this great event. **Save the date 9th Dec (12-3pm)** and look out for more details and requests for help. Any questions please ask Laura or Harry Graham-Brown or Sylvia Low

Festive Open Vicarage

Alice and Coral would like to extend an open invitation to the Vicarage for festive refreshments on Monday 18th December from 5pm. Please do join us!

Sponsorship for our organists



Our organist Bruce Boardman is sponsored today by Joy West in memory of her husband Paul and all other family members who have died.

If you would like to sponsor the organist one week, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please email Janet on janet@apsleyend.co.uk. We could particularly do with sponsorship for Morning Prayer on Sunday 24th December at 9.30am.

Carols Outside Sainsburys

Saturday 16th December 1pm-2pm

In aid of DENS. Please come along and join the choir!!

200 Club

Interested? Want to join? Please talk to Tim Ward, a Church Warden or a member of the PCC.

Foodbanks at St Mary's and St B's

St Mary's foodbank is open 9.30-12.00 on Thursdays with a community café serving simple hot food too. We continue to need donations and assistance at both foodbanks (St Mary's and St B's). If you can help, do speak to Mthr Alice.

Further dates for your diary

Sun 19th Nov Messy Church
Wed 26th Nov Faith and Hope Discussion Group 7pm
Sun 3rd Dec Advent Sunday
Wed 6th Dec Faith and Hope Discussion Group 7pm
Sat 9th Dec St Mary's Bazaar
Wed 13th Dec Faith and Hope Discussion Group 7pm
Sat 16th Dec Tree Decoration in Church
Sat 16th Dec Carol Singing Outside Sainsburys
Mon 18th Dec Festive Open Vicarage from 5pm
Tue 19th Dec Blue Christmas at St B's
Sun 24th Dec Crib service 4.30pm
Sun 24th Dec Midnight Christmas Eucharist 11.15pm
Mon 25th Dec Joint Christmas service at St M's 9.30am
Sun 31st Dec Benefice Service at All Saints KL 10.30am
Sun 7th Jan Christingle service at Epiphany

Rotas - Who's doing what when

	12th November	19th November
	9.30 Eucharist Remembrance Sunday	9.30 Eucharist 3pm Messy Church
Music	Bruce Boardman	Ian Hope
Warden	Tim Ward	Rosemary Bladon
Sides duty	Pauline Buck	Katharine Harper
Welcomer	Joy West	Rosie Sutton
Reading	Sue Jakeman	Melanie Henley
Intercessions	Dan Shirley	Fiona Shirley
Offertory	Ellie Hoyle & Noah	Fiona Ellison & Melanie Henley
Chalice	Peter Bladon	Susan Rivett
2nd Counter	Jim Aylott	Fiona Shirley
Refreshments	Laura & Harry Graham-Brown	Ann Wiggins & Sarah Barnard
Sunday School	Laura G-Brown	No Sunday School

Sue Bassett 06/11/2023