

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

61.1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from a Letter of James 2.14-26

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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Today the Gospel is taken from John

3.16-24

*Welcome to St Mary's Apsley. and to our services today 16th November, 2025.
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

Monday

12.30-2.30pm

10.00 -12.00

8 – 9.30pm

Apsley Community Café

Working Party

Bellringing practice

Tuesday

9.30am

Buzzy Bees

Thursday

9.00am - 9.30am

9.30am

10.00 – 12.00

8pm

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

Apsley Foodbank & Community Café

Home Study Group

Friday

10.00 -12.00

Working Party in Church & Churchyard

Saturday

10.00 -12.00

Saturday Community Café

Sunday 23rd November

9.30am

Parish Eucharist

Notices

Today is Safeguarding Sunday!

God cares about protecting vulnerable people, and so do we. We will be dedicating our service to the theme of action speaks louder. Exploring the invitation from Jesus to protect others and seek justice for those who have been harmed.

Safeguardingsunday.org

Christmas Bazaar

Please will you support the bazaar with donations of the following items: prizes for the raffle, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, bottles containing juice, wine etc (but around the size of a wine bottle) for the bottle game. Thank you.

Sponsorship for our organists

Our organist today, Ian Hope, is sponsored by an anonymous person. If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship you can be a sponsor. You can mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because. Please contact one of the churchwardens – Sue Jakeman or Sylvia Low for more information

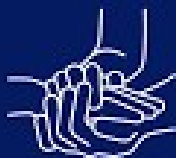
Donate to St Mary's

Please support St Mary's by using this QR code to donate. Thank you.



Please send any input for next week to Sue in the Benefice office on office@langelei.onmicrosoft.com by noon on Wednesday and copy it to StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



Apsley Community Foodbank & Café

Mondays 12.30-2.30pm

Thursdays 10 -12am

for food collection and 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: either to the church or to Dunelm gratefully received.

St Benedict's Foodbank is open Wednesdays 9.30- 11.30am

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Please contact Katharine Harper if you have donations for Nascent House boxes while Viv Hagel is away. Toothbrushes, sweets, flannels, notecards, razors, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner are required. If you would like more information about this initiative or would like to commit to donating a regular item then please get in touch. Clients may be male or female and please remember that the products must not contain alcohol. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Christmas Tree

Would someone or a group of people like to sponsor the purchase of the Christmas tree for the Church? For more information, please speak to a Churchwarden. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Sun 16th Nov	Messy Church 3pm
Sat 22nd Nov	Make a Pudding 10am – 12 noon
Fri 28th Nov	Coffee Morning in Refectory 10.30-11.45
Sat 29th Nov	Christmas Bazaar 12-3pm
Sun 30th Nov	Team Advent Carol Service
Thur 17th Dec	9:30 Nash Mills School – Christmas Service

Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services

Tuesdays	St Benedict's - Paused
Wednesdays	Holy Trinity - 9am MP, 10am HC
Thursdays	St Mary's – 9am MP, 9.30am HC
Fridays	All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

St Mary's Rota - Who's doing what when

	16 th November	23 rd November
	9.30 Parish Eucharist 2 nd Sunday before Advent	9.30 Parish Eucharist Safeguarding Sunday
Music	Ian Hope	Mark Terry
Warden	Dan Shirley	Tim Ward
Sides duty	Pauline Buck	Ann Wiggins
Welcomer	Peter Bladon	Angela Witts
Reader	Sylvia Low	Susan Rivett
Prayers/ Intercessions	Dan Shirley	Sue Jakeman
Offertory	Melanie Henley Sylvia Low	Jess Higgs Ellie Hoyle
Chalice/ 1 st Counter	Peter Bladon	Sue Jakeman
2 nd Counter	Jim Aylott	Roger Witts
Refreshments	Jeanie Agg David Agg	Jess Higgs Ellie Hoyle
Sunday School		
	3pm Messy Church	

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