

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyful giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 23.33-43

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

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ST MARY'S | NEWS

*Welcome to St Mary's Apsley. and to our services today 23rd 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

10.30-11.45

Working Party in Church & Churchyard

Coffee Morning with Games in the Refectory

Saturday

10.00 -12.00

Saturday Community Café

Sunday 30th November

9.30am

4.30pm

Parish Eucharist

Team Advent Carols at All Saints, Kings Langley

Notices

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.

Team Quiet Day 7th March '26

We are planning a Team Quiet Day exploring the Lord's Prayer on the 7th March 2026 at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person. Pick up a flyer for full details of what is happening and how to book!

Sponsorship for our organists

Our organist today, Mark Terry, 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.



Contacting St Benedict's

Please note new contact emails:
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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



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

Sat 29th Nov	12-3pm Christmas Bazaar
Sun 30th Nov	4.30pm Team Advent Carol Service
Fri 12 th Dec	10.30-11.45 Coffee Morning in Refectory
	7pm Make a Wreath
Sun 14 th Dec	3pm Messy Christmas
Thur 18 th Dec	9:30 Nash Mills School – Christmas Service
Sun 21 st Dec	6pm 9 Lessons and Carols
Weds 24 th Dec	4.30pm Christingle and Nativity Service
	11pm Midnight Mass
Thur 25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Family 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

	23 rd November	30 th November
	9.30 Parish Eucharist Christ the King	9.30 Parish Eucharist Advent Sunday
Music	Mark Terry	Mark Terry
Warden	Tim Ward	Sue Jakeman
Sides duty	Ann Wiggins	Jeanie Agg
Welcomer	Angela Witts	Angela Witts
Reader	Susan Rivett	Sue Jakeman
Prayers/ Intercessions	Sue Jakeman	Laura GB
Offertory	Jess Higgs Ellie Hoyle	Ian Dixon Jeanie Agg
Chalice/ 1 st Counter	Sue Jakeman	Janet Wright
2nd Counter	Roger Witts	Sylvia Low
Refreshments	Jess Higgs Ellie Hoyle	Ann Wiggins Lilian Hepwood
Sunday School		
		Christmas Bazaar

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