

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



and welcome to our services today

3rd November, 2024
All Saints 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
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Benedict'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
St Benedict's to join St Mary's



Dear All,

As we begin November which is a poignant time of year for many of us or dare I say all of us. It is a time to remember those people who we were close to and who are no longer here. Recently, I have been thinking about my Mum and her brothers and sisters as none of them are with us now and for my cousins, my Dad, is the only one left of that generation which is pretty scary to think about; although my Dad still has both of his siblings and their partners around.

Over the years the make-up of family functions change imperceptibly with time and you realise that your generation has become your parents' generation...this is what has happened to me. My cousins' children are getting married, having children of their own - that makes me feel old and for some reason we only really meet up to celebrate someone's life when it is over. At the most recent event of that type we decided that we should get together with my Dad; so now we are going to surprise him with a family gathering. This will be good for everyone to reflect on life, the universe and everything and of course enjoy each other's company; we did have some truly momentous parties when we were all so much younger! I do feel very fortunate that I have this rather large extended family to do fun things with although some of you may think I have had a rush of blood to the head...maybe I have but we do need to have things to look forward to.

Therefore, as we move into November it is worth remembering all the happy memories that we have with the special people in our lives; I have found that these memories (photographic, film, written or from the depths of the brain) are the ones that help bring a smile to my face and make things just a little more bearable even in the darkest of times.

Have a great week whatever you are doing.

Best wishes,
Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love
you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A reading from Wisdom 3.1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great
good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of
himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted
them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from Revelations 21.1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the
first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city,
the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven
from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her
husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne
saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said,

'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and

true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha

and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the

thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the

water of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to John

11.32-44

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him,
she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had
been here, my brother would not have died.' When
Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came
with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in
spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you
laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and
see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See
how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could
not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have
kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the
tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against
it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the
sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already
there is a stench because he has been dead for
four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if
you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So
they took away the stone. And Jesus looked
upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having
heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I
have said this for the sake of the crowd standing
here, so that they may believe that you sent
me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud
voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came
out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth,
and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,
'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

A Reading from the Philippians 3.3-8a

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalms 105.1-7

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; ♦
his judgements are in all the earth.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 15.1-10

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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 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.

Sponsorship of St Mary's Christmas Tree

Last year Alfie kindly sponsored the purchase of the tree with Colin collecting it so this year we are looking for someone (or a group of people) to sponsor and/or collect the tree. Please contact a churchwarden if you are able to do this. 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.

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 -251). 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, Mark Terry, 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 24th Nov 5.30-7.30 RCHH Santa Sleigh
Sat 30th Nov Christmas Bazaar – 12- 3 pm
Sat 14th Dec Christmas Tree Decorating

Rotas - Who's doing what when

	3rd November	10th November
	9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist
Music	Mark Terry	Peter Lipman
Warden	Dan Shirley	Tim Ward
Sides duty	Peter Bladon	Monda Ajazi
Welcomer	Monda Ajazi	Fiona Shirley
Reader	Dan Shirley	Fiona Shirley
Prayers/ Intercessions	Laura GB	Dan Shirley
Offertory	Laura & Harry GB	Dan Shirley & Fiona Shirley
Chalice	Susan Rivett	Peter Bladon
2nd Counter	Fiona Shirley	Sylvia Low
Refreshments	Jeanie & David Agg	Monda Ajazi & Sylvia Low
Sunday School	Lilian Hepwood	Laure G B

Sue Bassett 31/10/2024