

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



and welcome to our services today

12th October, 2025

17th Sunday after Trinity

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 NO Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's

Monday

9.15-10.45 Little Bears at St Benedict's
12.30-2.30pm Apsley Community Café
at St Mary's Church
10.00 -12.00 Working Party at St Mary's
8 – 9.30pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

Tuesday

9am NO Morning Prayer at St Benedict's
9.30am Buzzy Bees at St Mary's
7.30pm Installation Service of Revd David Jones

Wednesday

9.30–11.30am Foodbank at St Benedict's

Thursday

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.00 – 12.00 Apsley Community Café
at St Mary's Church
10.15am Study Group at St Mary's - Paused
8pm Home Study Group

Friday

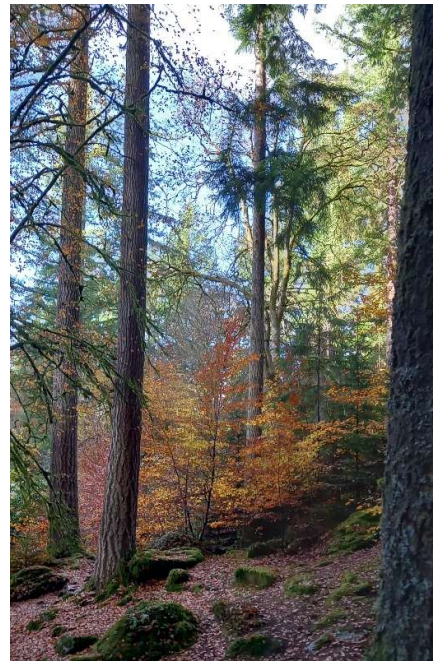
10.00 -12.00 Working Party in St Mary's Church
& Churchyard.
10.30-11.45 Coffee Morning in the Refectory

Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café at
St Mary's

Sunday 19th October

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
11.15am Thanksgiving Service at St Benedict's



Dear All,

Next week will be an important week for the Team when Rev David Jones will be licensed and installed as a Team Vicar for St Mary's and St Benedict's. It is amazing how much the life of our Churches has changed over the past year.

This got me thinking about what I was doing last year at this time...then I had a timely reminder on my phone of the photos I had taken around one year ago. The above image was taken at The Hermitage (no not the museum in St Petersburg, Russia) but part of the Tay Forest Park (National Trust for Scotland) near Dunkeld. It was once an 18th century pleasure ground for the Dukes of Atholl. Near the spot that this picture was taken is a stunning waterfall on the River Braan; the best view of the waterfall is from Ossians Hall built by the 2nd Duke of Atholl. The forest also lays claim to some of the tallest and grandest trees in Scotland.

When I was there it was the time of year when salmon travel back up rivers to spawn and I was witness to the spectacle of the salmon attempting to leap up the waterfall – a remarkable feat of perseverance and innate behaviour which exemplifies the cycle of life.

Back to the cycle of life of our Churches and looking forward to what the future will hold...

Our thoughts and prayers are with David and his family as he prepares to be our next Vicar. See you on Tuesday!

Best wishes,
Sylvia

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 the Second Book of Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 17.11-19

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

A Reading from the Book of Romans

3.21-30

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; ♦

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦
O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦
so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning, ♦
more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 11.47-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs.

Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute," so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation.

Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Contact Information

Vicar: Vacancy

General Enquiries: Please contact the Benefice Office
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 12.00pm

Administrator/Benefice Office:

Sue Bassett ☎ 01923 266596 or 07503 950315 or
office@langelei.onmicrosoft.com or
info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

Facebook: St Mary's Apsley End

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

Sue Jakeman ☎ 07971 254336
susanjakeman@btinternet.com

Safeguarding: Marina McKenna - ☎ 07783173457
Katharine Harper - ☎ 07881602024
Email: safeguardingapsley@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.

Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm
Installation of The Rev David Jones as Team Vicar in the Langelei Team Ministry with special responsibility for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's, Bennetts End.

Team Confirmation Preparation 2025

Would you like to confirm your promises to God? Fr James, Revd Diana and Revd Jos will be running Confirmation Preparation sessions in the autumn. Please contact one of them to sign up. For adults and young people 12+ in our churches. 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd Oct, 15th Nov visit to St Albans, 20th Nov concluding session. 23rd Nov 6.30pm Confirmation Service at St John's, Boxmoor.

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

Thursdays 10.15am Study Group

During the Vacancy the Study Group at St Mary's is paused.

Sponsorship for our organists at St Mary's



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.

You Can Join Our WhatsApp Group!

Used for quick questions and messages. If you are a member of St Mary's, do consider joining by contacting any of the admins (Katharine Harper, Laura G-Brown, Harry G-Brown and Rachel Woods)

Donate to St Mary's

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



Apsley Community Foodbank & Café at St Mary's and Foodbank at St B's

St Mary's is open 12.30-2.30 on Mondays and 10-12 on Thursdays for food collection and serving simple hot food. St Benedict's foodbank is open Wednesdays 9.30-11.30. 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.

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Katharine Harper has come forward to support Viv with the organisation of the boxes for Nascent House when Susan Rivett moves from the area. As Viv is off on her travels, Katharine will support Susan with the scheme while Viv is away and 'learn the ropes'. Please continue to support this scheme which provides basic needs for new residents when they arrive at Nascent House as part of the Oxygen Recovery scheme on the start of their journey of rehabilitation. Our current needs are soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, notecards and large and small packs of tissues. Remember that the products must not contain alcohol. If you would like more information about this initiative please talk to Susan or Katharine.

Dates for your diary

Tues 14 th Oct	7.30pm Licencing of Rev David Jones
Sun 19 th Oct	Messy Church
Fri 24 th Oct	Coffee Morning in Refectory 10.30-11.45
Sat 8 th Nov	Boardgame Afternoon 2-5pm
Fri 14 th Nov	Coffee Morning in Refectory 10.30-11.45
Sun 16 th Nov	Messy Church
Sat 22 nd Nov	Make a Pudding 10am – 12 noon
Fri 28 th Nov	Coffee Morning in Refectory 10.30-11.45
Sat 29 th Nov	Christmas Bazaar 12-3pm
Sun 30 th Nov	Team Advent Carol Service

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

	12 th October	19 th October
	Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church
Music	Mark Terry	Mark Terry
Warden	Tim Ward	Sylvia Low
Sides duty	Jeanie Agg	Janet Wright
Welcomer	Colin Rivett	Melanie Henley
Reader	Melanie Henley	Susan Rivett
Prayers/ Intercessions	Sue Jakeman	Laura GB
Offertory	Peter Bladon Melanie Henley	Fiona Ellison Harry GB
Chalice/ 1st Counter	Jim Aylott	Susan Rivett
2nd Counter	Peter Bladon	Sylvia Low
Refreshments	Colin & Susan Rivett	Harry GB Alfie Cacciapuoti
Sunday School	Marina McKenna	