

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



and welcome to our services today

13<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Benedict's  
3pm Messy Church at St Mary's

me, you, us  
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Dear Friends

This week at St Mary's we are keeping Safeguarding Sunday, an opportunity for us to think together about what it means to be a safe church, where everyone is afforded the dignity that they already have under God. It is a chance for us to reflect, and to re-examine some of our assumptions about what makes our church welcoming, and where we can work harder to be inclusive.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. In our service this morning our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Katharine Harper, will be helping us to think about these themes. It is important that we are able to have transparent and honest discussions as a church family.

We see patterns in the Church of England, and in all institutions, where people assume that their actions and habits are safe, without thinking about their impact on others. As Christians, we worship a God who came into the world to shed light on dark places, to bring justice to the oppressed. Jesus meets people where they are - usually with a radical lack of judgement - and he listens to them. He does not allow the social or religious conventions of his age to dictate his behaviour, he honours the people he meets as beloved children of God.

As we think together this Sunday, and as we go into the week ahead, how can we make an effort to see the things that God sees? How can we be people of compassion, and truth, and transformation?

Yours in Christ  
Mother Alice

## Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

### The Collect

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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 Book of Amos

5.6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like  
fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!  
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.  
Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

4.12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper  
than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides  
soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge  
the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before  
him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid  
bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render  
an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has  
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have  
a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our  
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect  
has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us  
therefore approach the throne of grace with  
boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find  
grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### Hear the Gospel According to Mark 10.17-31 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up  
and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good  
Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus  
said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is  
good but God alone. You know the  
commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall  
not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall  
not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour  
your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I  
have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking  
at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go,  
sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come,  
follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked  
and went away grieving, for he had many  
possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,  
'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to  
enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were  
perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them  
again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom  
of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye  
of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter  
the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded  
and said to one another, 'Then who can be  
saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals  
it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are  
possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left  
everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell  
you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or  
sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my  
sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not  
receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses,  
brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and  
fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come  
eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and  
the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Thursday's Readings (Year B)

### A Reading from the Ephesians 1.1-10

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful\* in  
Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in  
Christ\* before the foundation of the world to be holy  
and blameless before him in love. He destined us for  
adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,  
according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise  
of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in  
the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his  
blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to  
the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all  
wisdom and insight he has made known to us the  
mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that  
he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to  
gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things  
on earth.

This is the Word of the Lord

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### Psalm 8

1 O Lord our governor, ♦  
*how glorious is your name in all the world!*  
2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦  
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.  
3 You have founded a stronghold against your  
foes, ♦  
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.  
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your  
fingers, ♦  
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,  
5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him; ♦  
the son of man, that you should seek him out?  
6 You have made him little lower than the angels ♦  
and crown him with glory and honour.  
7 You have given him dominion over the works of  
your hands ♦  
and put all things under his feet,  
8 All sheep and oxen, ♦  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦  
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.  
10 O Lord our governor, ♦  
*how glorious is your name in all the world!*

### A reading from the Gospel 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 towards 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!**

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# Notices

Please send any input for next week to Sue in the Benefice office on [info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](mailto:info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk) by noon on Wednesday and copy it to [StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysApsleyEnd@gmail.com).

## Julia Hart

We were sorry to hear that after a fall at home Julia Hart has had a stroke and is now in Watford Hospital in the stroke ward.

Please remember her and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

## Quiz Night Saturday 19th October 7pm in St Mary's church refectory.

There is a sign-up sheet if you would like to attend, or if you can bake a cake or dessert for the night.

Raffle prizes required, including items for a hamper, please put these in box provided.

Many thanks Viv

## Rotary Club Santa Sleigh

Save the Date!

Sunday 24th November 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Volunteers needed please – names to Viv



## St Mary's Church, Apsley End, 200 Club

We are looking for new members to join the aforementioned 200 Club. This is a monthly number draw where 3 winners will receive a monetary prize. The draw is open to everyone over 18 years of age and there is no limit to how many numbers are held. See last week's bulletin for full details for the frequency of draws.

The monthly prizes are **1 x £25, 1 x £10, 1 x £5**; There are two bonus draws each year in June and Dec which are **1 x £50, 1 x £10, 1 x £5**. The cost is £1.00 per month per number. This is payable in a 6 month or 12 month block. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete a membership form which will be available in the Church. A 200-club membership card will be sent/given to you, as well as your number(s). For further information please talk to myself or a Churchwarden. Looking forward to welcoming new members.

Tim Ward

## 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: <https://t.ly/VJULr> 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 (17l -25l). 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, Ian Hope, 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

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Quiz Night

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 3pm Messy Church

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 5.30-7.30 RCHH Santa Sleigh

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Bazaar – Save the Date!

## Rotas - Who's doing what when

	13 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church
<b>Music</b>	Ian Hope	TBA
<b>Warden</b>	Tim Ward	Sylvia Low
<b>Sides duty</b>	Joy West	Peter & Rosemary Bladon
<b>Welcomer</b>	Laura GB	Colin Rivett
<b>Reading</b>	Katharine Harper	Laura GB
<b>Intercessions</b>	Sue Jakeman	Fiona Shirley
<b>Offertory</b>	Fiona Ellison & Sylvia Low	Dan & Fiona Shirley
<b>Chalice</b>	Katharine Harper	Peter Bladon
<b>2nd Counter</b>	Roger Witts	Fiona Shirley
<b>Refreshments</b>	Melanie Henley & Alfie Cacciapuoti	Viv Hagel & Sylvia Low
<b>Sunday School</b>	Lilian Hepwood	No Sunday School