

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



and welcome to our services today

19th October, 2025

18th 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	Thanksgiving Service at St Benedict's
3pm	Messy Church

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

Wednesday

9.30–11.30am	Foodbank at St Benedict's
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Thursday

9.30am	Harvest Festival Service Nash Mills Primary School
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
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Sunday 26th October

9.30am	Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
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Dear All,

Thank you so much to everyone who came to my installation service on Tuesday, 14th October. It was a truly special evening, and I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome and support from both Saint Benedict's and St Mary's Churches. In Ephesians 4:1–6, Paul urges us to live as one people in Jesus: "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." As we step forward in faith into this next chapter in the life of both our churches, my hope and prayer is that we will continue to walk together in unity, humility, and love seeking to serve God and our community with joy and hope.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all more in the weeks and months ahead.

As I'll be serving across both churches, here's my regular working pattern:

- Sunday: St Mary's, 9.30am (Saint Benedict's services are paused until Easter 2026)
- Monday & Thursday: St Mary's
- Tuesday & Wednesday: Saint Benedict's
- Friday: Day off
- Saturday: Flexible between Saint Benedict's and St Mary's

Please note: this will be the final week that the news sheet is shared between both churches. From next week, each church will have its own weekly news sheet.

With every blessing,
David

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year C)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Genesis

32.22-31

So the present passed on ahead of him; and he himself spent that night in the camp. The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

18.1-8

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

A Reading from the Book of Romans

6.19-end

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

12.49-53

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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.

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.

Friday Coffee Mornings

10.30am – 11.45am Come and join us on the second and fourth Fridays of the month for companionship, board games fun and refreshments in the refectory.

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)

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

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

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

	19 th October	26 th October
	9.30 Parish Eucharist 3pm Messy Church	9.30 Parish Eucharist
Music	Mark Terry	Ian Hope
Warden	Sylvia Low	Harry GB
Sides duty	Janet Wright	Laura GB
Welcomer	Melanie Henley	Angela Witts
Reader	Susan Rivett	Melanie Henley
Prayers/ Intercessions	Laura GB	Fiona Shirley
Offertory	Fiona Ellison Harry GB	Melanie Henley Jeanie Agg
Chalice/ 1st Counter	Susan Rivett	Janet Wright
2nd Counter	Sylvia Low	Roger Witts
Refreshments	Harry GB Alfie Cacciapuoti	Melanie Henley Ralph Henley
Sunday School		Laura GB