

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



and welcome to our services today

27th October, 2024
Last 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 Lay Led Service at St Mary's
11.15am St B's to join St Mary's at 9.30

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 3rd November

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



Dear Friends

As you are reading this, I am on holiday on the North Norfolk coast, and it is the loveliest Sunday of the year - 'early for church Sunday'! The clocks went back in the early hours of this morning, so if you hadn't realised, you would turn up for church at 9.30am and it would only be 8.30am. You can imagine how smug I am feeling to be having an extra hour in bed on my Sunday off.

The clock change makes me think of the time we are given, and how we use it, and how grateful we are for it. Sometimes it takes for us to experience something truly awful, or traumatic - some terrible grief or loss - before we really appreciate the gift of our lives, before we really think about how we want to use our time. There is no shame in slowing down to appreciate the good things in this slower season of Autumn. Our bodies need more rest - more sleep - as we get less and less exposure to the daylight, and as the pressures of this busy season mount.

I want you to think about storing up your provisions for the Winter. What things will you do to look after yourself, to keep yourself healthy, in the months ahead? This is not an empty question about wellbeing, I actually want you to make a list. Decide now which things you might need to say "no" to, and which extra habits you might need to adopt. If we can all do this, we will create a culture of mutual compassion and understanding.

Enjoy your extra hour today, use it for something life-giving - and know that God loves you.

Yours in Christ
Mother Alice

Sunday's Collect and Readings (Year B)

The Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 Jeremiah

31.7-9

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the
north,

and gather them from the farthest parts of the
earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 7.23-end

Furthermore, the former priests were many in
number, because they were prevented by death
from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood
permanently, because he continues for
ever. Consequently he is able for all time to
save those who approach God through him, since
he always lives to make intercession for them.
For it was fitting that we should have such a high
priest, holy, blameless, undefiled,
separated from sinners, and exalted above the
heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no
need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own
sins, and then for those of the people; this he did
once for all when he offered himself. For the law
appoints as high priests those who are subject to
weakness, but the word of the oath, which came
later than the law, appoints a Son who has been
made perfect for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Mark 10.46-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and
a large crowd were leaving Jericho,
Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was
sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was
Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say,
'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many
sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out
even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on
me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.'
And they called the blind man, saying to him,
'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing
off his cloak, he sprang up and came to
Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want
me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My
teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go;
your faith has made you well.' Immediately he
regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year B)

A Reading from the Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalms 144.1-2, 9-11

- 1 Blessed be the Lord my rock, ♦
who teaches my hands for war and my fingers for battle;
- 2 My steadfast help and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield in whom I trust, ♦
who subdues the peoples under me.
- 9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; ♦
I will play to you on a ten-stringed harp,
10 You that give salvation to kings ♦
and have delivered David your servant.
- 11 Save me from the peril of the sword ♦
and deliver me from the hand of foreign enemies,

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 13.31-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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.

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.



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.

Pray Hemel

The next meeting is on Saturday November 2nd is at St John's Church, Boxmoor: 1 Saint Johns Close, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1UE. Light refreshments served from 8 am, worship + prayers from 8.30 am. We look forward to praying together then.

Bob, pp your PH team.

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.

Rotary Club Santa Sleigh



Sunday 24th November
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Volunteers needed please – names to Viv

Sponsorship for our organists



Our organist today, Peter Lipman, 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.

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.

Dates for your diary

Sat 2nd Nov Pray Hemel 8am at St John's, Boxmoor
Sun 17th Nov 3pm Messy Church
Sun 24th Nov 5.30-7.30 RCHH Santa Sleigh
Sat 30th Nov Christmas Bazaar – Save the Date!

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.

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.

Sunday 3rd November

During the service there will be an opportunity for us to remember friends and family that are no longer with us.

Christmas Tree sponsorship information and when it will be decorated will return next week.

Rotas - Who's doing what when

	27th October	3rd November
	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30am Eucharist
Music	Peter Lipman	Mark Terry
Warden	Harry GB	Dan Shirley
Sides duty	Peter & Rosemary Bladon	Peter Bladon
Welcomer	Viv Hagel	Monda Ajazi
Reading	Dan Shirley	Dan Shirley
Intercessions	Laura GB	Laura GB
Offertory	N/A	Laura & Harry GB
Chalice	N/A	Susan Rivett
2nd Counter	Kyajdi Ceci	Fiona Shirley
Refreshments	Laura GB	Jeanie & David Agg
Sunday School	TBA	Lilian Hepwood

Sue Bassett 24/10/2024