

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



and welcome to our services today

28th September, 2025

15th 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

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.

Saturday

10.00 -12.00 Saturday Community Café at
St Mary's

Sunday 5th October

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



Dear All,

The first Scarecrow festival is well under way by the time you are reading this; the Church is adorned with an amazing array of scarecrows – very creative individuals have obviously been very busy. The picture above is one of the early creations. A huge thank you to the organisers of this fun event and to all those groups/individuals/organisations who have contributed a scarecrow or two to make the event a success. More photographs will follow.

Next week is our annual Harvest service so please remember to bring in non-perishable food items which can be used by Apsley Community Café. We look forward to seeing you there.

Following on from this will be the licencing service for our new vicar Rev David Jones on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30 pm at St Mary's. We look forward to seeing you there to show your support for our new vicar and his family.

Please save the dates for the Christmas Bazaar and Making a Christmas Pudding – full details are given on the back of the bulletin. All of the events in our Church require help to organise so please consider what you can do to support them – we need to spread the load in order that everyone can enjoy these occasions and not be too tired to do so. Thank you.

Hope everyone has a good week. Look after yourselves.

Best wishes,
Sylvia

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 the Prophet Amos

6.1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Timothy

6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

16.19-end

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."

He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment."

Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them."

He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Thursday's Readings (Year C)

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

8.1-12

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it." The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. Then I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 19.7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; ♦ the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; ♦ the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; ♦ the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ♦ sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

11 By them also is your servant taught ♦ and in keeping them there is great reward.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

10.1-12

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

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.

The Rev David Jones has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Langelei Team Ministry with special responsibility for St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's, Bennetts End. This is subject to completion of the usual legal formalities. David's licensing service will take place on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm at St Mary's Apsley End. Please remember David, Janey, Hannah and Autumn in your prayers as they prepare for their move.

27th & 28th Sept Scarecrow Festival



This Weekend

Please do come, take part and have some fun

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 at St Mary's

During the Vacancy the Study Group 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.

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of boxes of tissues, notecards, toothpaste, toothbrushes and boxes with lids (17-25l). Please note items must not contain alcohol. If you would like further information about this scheme, please speak to Susan or Viv.

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.



Dates for your diary

Sept 27th & 28th Scarecrow Festival
 Tues 14th Oct 7.30pm Licencing of Rev David Jones
 Sat 22nd Nov Make a Pudding 10am – 12 noon
 Sat 29th Nov Christmas Bazaar 12-3pm

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

	28 th September	5 th October
	9.30 Parish Eucharist	9.30 Harvest
Music	Mark Terry	Ian Hope
Warden	Sylvia Low	Sue Jakeman
Sides duty	Pauline Buck	Ann Wiggins
Welcomer	Roger Witts	Peter Bladon
Reader	Sue Jakeman	Fiona Ellison
Prayers/ Intercessions	Ian Dixon	Dan Shirley
Offertory	Angela Witts Roger Witts	Harry G-B Laura G-B
Chalice/ 1st Counter	Sue Jakeman	Peter Bladon
2nd Counter	Sylvia Low	Jim Aylott
Refreshments	Ellie Hoyle Jess	Sylvia Low Sarah Barnard
Sunday School		Sue Jakeman