

This Week at St Mary's Church Apsley & Nash Mills

| Monday | Tuesday | Thursday |
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| 10am - 12.00 Working Party 8pm - 9.30pm Bellringing practice | 9.30am Buzzy Bees | 9.00 - 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mid-week Communion Service 8pm Home Study Group |
| Friday | Saturday | Next Sunday |
| 10.00 -12.00 Working Party 10.00-11.45 Coffee & Games (2 nd & 4 th weeks of the month) | 10.00 -12.00 Community Café | 24th May 9.30am Team Service at All Saints, KL 4pm Saint Benedict's Service |

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

| | 17 th May | 24 th May |
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| | 9.30 Parish Eucharist | 9.30am Team Service at All Saints |
| Music | Recorded Music | |
| Warden | Sylvia Low | |
| Sides duty | Ann Wiggins | |
| Welcomer | Pauline Buck | |
| OT & NT Reader | Katharine Harper | |
| Gospel Reader | Melanie Henley | |
| Prayers/ Intercessions | Ian Dixon | |
| Offertory | Harry GB Laura GB | |
| Chalice/ 1st Counter | Janet Wright | |
| 2nd Counter | Sylvia Low | |
| Refreshments | Jeanie Agg David Agg | |
| Sunday School | Marina McKenna | |

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St Mary's Church News Sheet

Sunday 17th May, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter



St Mary's is a church for everyone young and old, and everyone in between. We are delighted to welcome you today. Whether you are a regular worshipper or joining us for the first time, you are very welcome at our 9.30am Parish Eucharist. During the service there will be a children's group, and children will be invited to go out at the appropriate time. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask someone sitting nearby they will be very pleased to help. After the service, do stay for refreshments and a chat in the Refectory at the back of the church. Messy church is at 3pm today – everyone welcome.

NOTICE

Sponsorship for our organists

If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship, you can be a sponsor. Mark a Birthday, Anniversary or a notable event or just because. Please contact a churchwarden – Sue Jakeman or Sylvia Low for more information

Welcome Boxes for Nascent House

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated towards the welcome boxes. We are currently in need of shampoo (no alcohol), disposable razors, flannels, notepads, notebooks and washbags. Please leave in box at back of church or give to Viv or Katharine. Many thanks.

Donate to St Mary's

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



Dates for your diary

Sun 17th May 3pm
Messy Church
Sat 23rd May 9.30am – 4pm
Prayer Walk around the Team
Sun 24th May 11am-3pm
Canal Boat Trip with All Saints Ladies Group
Sun 7th June 4.30pm
Choral Evensong at All Saints

Children's Society Boxes

It's time for all boxes to be emptied again! Please bring to church, my house or let me know if you need it collected. Thank you for continuing to support this charity helping children, young people and their families. My number is on the base of the box.
Hazel Littlejohns

Prayer walk around the Team Saturday 23rd May 9.30am - 4pm

Each year the Church of England marks the time between Ascension and Pentecost as a time of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. As part of our prayers this year, we are going to do a prayer walk around the Team. All are welcome to join us for all or some of the walk. You could just walk the leg between two churches, or join us for our prayer and refreshment stop at one of the churches if walking is not for you. See posters for full details.

Sunday 24th May 11am-3pm

There are still a few places left to join a canal boat trip with a fish & chips lunch and a talk from Fr James. For more information and to reserve your place contact Jamie.brockhurst@hotmail.co.uk ASAP!
Hosted by All Saints Women Group

Choral Evensong on 7th June 4.30
at All Saints, Kings Langley celebrating Music Sunday. Music including Sumsion, Daley and Howells. Come and enjoy a musical afternoon! Service followed by fizz and nibbles.

Come and join us –
Mondays & Fridays 10am-12noon
Working Party in Churchyard and church
2nd & 4th Fridays 10am – 11.45am
Coffee and Games in the Refectory.

A reading from 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel is taken from John 17.1-11

1.6-14

A reading from Acts

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services

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| Tuesdays | St Benedict's – 9am Prayer Meeting |
| Wednesdays | Holy Trinity - 9am MP, 10am HC |
| Thursdays | St Mary's – 9am MP, 9.30am HC |
| Fridays | All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC |