

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 NO Belling 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 | 10th May 9.30am Parish Eucharist 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

| | 3 rd May | 10 th May |
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| | 9.30 ALL IN | 9.30 Parish Eucharist |
| Music | Mark Terry | Ian Hope |
| Warden | Sylvia Low | Sue Jakeman |
| Sides duty | Pauline Buck | Peter Bladon |
| Welcomer | Peter Bladon | Roger Witts |
| OT & NT Reader | Janet Wright | Dan Shirley |
| Gospel Reader | Dan Shirley | Sue Jakeman |
| Prayers/ Intercessions | Katharine Harper | Fiona Shirley |
| Offertory | Dan Shirley Fiona Shirley | Melanie Henley Ian Dixon |
| Chalice/ 1st Counter | Peter Bladon | Katharine Harper |
| 2nd Counter | Fiona Shirley | Viv Hagel |
| Refreshments | Laura G-B Harry G-B | Jess Higgs Angela Witts |
| Sunday School | None | Lilian Hepwood |

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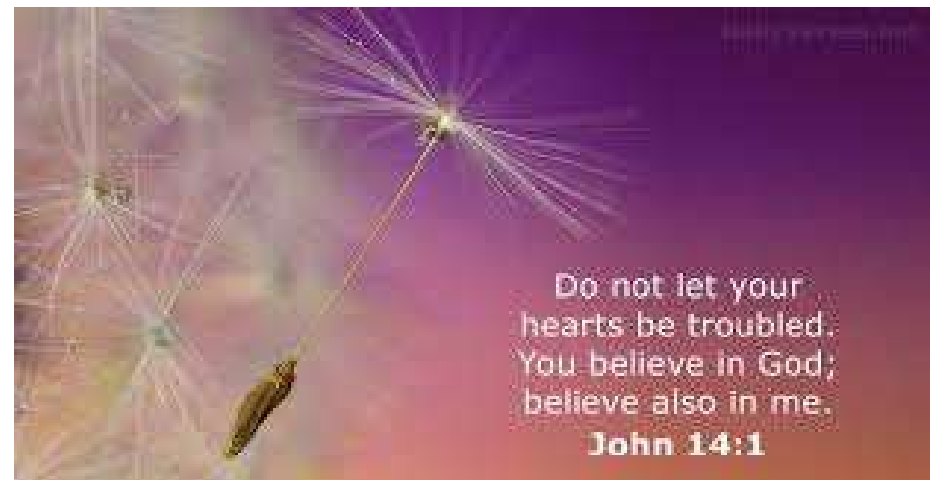
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St Mary's Church News Sheet

Sunday 3rd May, 2026

Fifth 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.

A reading from Acts 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

A reading from 1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Gospel is taken from John 14.1-14

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 |

Sunday 10 May will mark 30 years since Michael & Janet were married with a wonderful blessing at St Mary's. So Janet is planning to bring cakes for everyone to partake in after the service - would be great to see lots of folk then - even those that came to the original event!

Saturday 16th May 7-9pm
Cheese & Wine Fundraiser £26pp
including raffle (GF bread available)
 Scan QR code for booking (Yes, it says St Bs but at St Mary's)



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.

NOTICE

Sponsorship for our organists

Today our organist is Mark Terry who is sponsored by an anonymous doner. If you enjoy having the organ accompany our worship, you too 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 10th May - Celebration for Michael & Janet after service
 Sat 16th May 7pm
 Wine & Cheese
 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