

Signpost

Welcome to All Saints' Church and to the services today. If you are a visitor or newcomer please introduce yourself to the clergy or a member of the congregation. We are delighted that you have joined us today! Refreshments are served after the service in the church hall – all welcome!

All Saints is a member of the Langelei Team Ministry consisting of All Saints, King's Langley, St Mary's, Apsley End, St Benedict's, Bennetts End and Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green. The Team Rector is the Revd David Lawson who can be contacted on 01923 291077 or 07939 473717 davidmlawson@btinternet.com Anyone in All Saints wishing to receive holy communion at home, a visit, pastoral care or wishing to arrange a funeral please contact the Team Rector. David's day off is Wednesday.

The Team Office is based at All Saints and the team administrator is Norma Howie. The office telephone number is 01923 266596 email: saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk or info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk and the website is www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk All enquiries including baptisms and weddings should be made through the team office. The office is open Monday and Wednesday 8.30am-4.00pm, Thursday 12 noon-3.30pm and Friday 12 noon-3.00pm.

Creche facilities are available every Sunday morning in the small room adjacent to the church hall. Saints on Sunday, a group for children, meets during the first part of the service in the hall. They have fun activities, linked to one of the Bible readings. All children welcome.

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd Karen Turner

9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd Karen Turner
(and Nativity Play)

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's

Morning Prayer is said in church Monday to Friday at 9.00am

Tuesday 20th December

2.30pm Meeting of the Local Ministry Team at 1 York Close

Wednesday 21st December

7.45pm Bellringing practice

Thursday 22nd December

9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's

NO 8.00pm Eucharist at All Saints

12 noon Funeral service for Jane Richardson

Friday 23rd December

6.00pm Junior choir practice

6.30pm Adult choir practice

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

10.00am Carols for Christian Aid outside The Barber's Lounge in the High Street. Please join the carol singers and enjoy refreshments afterwards at Christ Church.

3.30pm Crib service

7.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd John Quill

9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd David Lawson

Please pray for all who live in Kings Langley, especially those who live in Chantry Close.

Pray for all who are sick or need our prayers, especially Tri Sleat, Paul Larkin, Catherine Thorpe, Mike Gardner, Arthur Jepsen, Vivien Leger, John Major, and Glen Pollard.

Among the departed please remember with thanksgiving Jane Richardson, who died last Thursday. Also, please remember her family at this time.

Prayers for the Hemel Hempstead Deanery this month are for St John's Church, Boxmoor.

NOTICES

If anyone would like to donate towards flowers in memory of a loved one, please put contributions in an envelope with the name of the loved one on the front and hand it to one of the Churchwardens. Anonymous donations are also acceptable.

Cleaning Rotas Please collect the new rotas from the back of church. Please swop with someone on the same list if you are unable to do your duty **but remember to update the Rota Book**. Any problems, contact Norma in the Team Office.

Collections in church The PCC has agreed that as from Sunday 8th January a collection plate will be passed around the congregation at the 9.30am service at the Offertory. Those who have envelopes as part of the Stewardship Scheme should place them in the plate at the Offertory. Cash collections can also be placed in the plate and gift-aided where possible. Those who contribute to the Stewardship Scheme via Direct Debit can collect a laminated card and put that in the plate.

Stewardship Campaign Brian McAdam wishes to thank those who returned completed Pledge Forms. 53 forms were returned representing a 36% rate of return overall in the first Stewardship Campaign for many years. In monetary terms this amounts to an increase in Planned Giving of £4,000.00 or 11% - a great achievement bearing in the present economic climate.

Luxury Christmas Hamper Ingrid and Clare Allen are organising another hamper to be raffled in aid of FOAS. Donations of luxury items would be welcomed! Tickets are on sale today price £1.00 and the draw will take place after the 9.30am service today.

TALENT BUILDER: THE BENEFICE SKILLS AUDIT A group from across the benefice has been working to create a Skills Audit to identify who is able/willing to be involved in the life of the parishes. The audit is available now - please complete this online at <http://tinyurl.com/TalentBuilder> - paper copies available soon. The contacts are Rus Downham, All Saints, Mike Hawtin, Holy Trinity and Nick Gill, St Mary's.

BENEFICE NEWSLETTER The Benefice Newsletter can be received by e-mail – if you wish to receive it this way please contact the Editor at langeleinews@btinternet.com The more people on an email list the less printed copies and therefore less cost. Articles for inclusion are always welcome but no more than 350 words and send them to the Editor or one of the churchwardens.

TOY SALE in the church hall on MONDAY 19th December at 12 noon.

Sunday 1st January 9.30am (New Year's Day)

Please note and pass the word around there will be NO 8.00am service that day.

9.30am United Covenant Service at All Saints