

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 25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd John Quill
9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd David Lawson
NO 6.30pm service at St Mary's

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

Monday 26th December
Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Tuesday 27th
John, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday 28th December
The Holy Innocents
7.45pm Bellringing practice

Thursday 29th December
9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
NO 8.00pm Eucharist at All Saints

Friday 30th December
No Junior choir practice
No Adult choir practice

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY NO 8.00am service

9.30am Methodist Covenant Service

Led by the Revd Gill Hulme, the Revd Matthew Cooper and the Revd David Lawson

Please pray for all who live in Kings Langley, especially those who live in Chipperfield Road.

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 continue to remember with thanksgiving Jane Richardson, whose funeral was in church last week.

Prayers for the Hemel Hempstead Deanery this month are for St Paul's Church, Highfield.

NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the church for Christmas services and also helped during the services. Also, David, the Team Rector, would like to thank all those who sent him cards and Christmas greetings – they are very much appreciated.

Please note the Team Office is closed now until 1.00pm on Tuesday 3rd January .

The Luxury Christmas Hamper raised £138.00 for Friends of All Saints. Thank you to Clare and Ingrid Allen for organising this and also to all who bought tickets.

Cleaning Rotas Please collect the new rotas from the back of church. Please swap 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.

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.