

Signpost

Welcome to All Saints' Church, Kings Langley, 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! Refreshments are served after the 9.30am service in the church hall.

All Saints is a member of the Langelei Team Ministry consisting of All Saints, Kings Langley, St Mary's, Apsley End, St Benedict's, Bennetts End and Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green. The Team Rector is the Revd Canon 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 Enquiries, including baptisms and weddings, should be made through the team office. The office is open Monday and Wednesday 8.00am -3.30pm, Thursday 12.30pm -3.00pm and Friday 12 noon -3.00pm.

There is a **supervised crèche** every Sunday morning in the small room adjacent to the church hall. If you need to take your children out of church during that service toys are available in the small room. **Saints on Sunday (SoS)**, a group for children, meets every Sunday in the hall.

If you place a cash collection in the offertory plate and are a UK taxpayer, please use the white envelope in the pews adding details of your name, address and post code. The church is then able to claim Gift Aid on your offering.

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd Canon David Lawson
9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd John Quill
3.30pm Christingle service at St Mary's
No Evening Prayer at St Mary's

9.00am Morning Prayer is said in church Monday – Friday

Wednesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm Crib service
7.30pm Carol service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Family Eucharist

Friday 26th STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST MARTYR

Saturday 27th December JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS

NO 8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd Ivor Cornish
11.30am Baptism
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's

Please pray for Alan, Bishop of St Albans; Richard, Bishop of Bedford; the Diocese of Kontagora (Lokoja, Nigeria), and its Bishop, Jonah Ibrahim; the appointment of the Revd Libby Lane, Vicar of St Peter's Hale and St Elizabeth's Ashley in the Diocese of Chester, as the next Bishop of Stockport, the first woman bishop in the Church of England; all who live in Coniston Road; the Bellringers; the Rudolph Steiner School; our preparations for and celebration of Christmas; all who are sleeping rough at this time; DENS; persecuted Christians; the children and their teachers who were killed in the attack on the school in Peshawar, Pakistan; those who died in and who have been traumatised by the hostage incident in Sydney, Australia. **Deanery Prayers are asked this month** for Lizzie Hood, the new Rural Dean.

Please pray for Joyce Wilson, whose funeral was on Friday of last week. Also, remember her family at this time.

Please also pray for Colin Parker, Adele Clapham, Mustapha Laroussi, Hilda Stewart, Keith and Margaret Johnson, Sue Harper, Graeme Baker, Michael Young, Gordon Dolman, Jack Mather, Ira Cox, Fiona Wright, Zeena Beale, Frank Harrison, Peter Butterick, Vivian Leger and John Major.

NOTICES

The benefice office is closed from Tuesday 23rd December until Monday 5th January when it will re-open.

The parish magazine for January is available today.

There is a **Taizé service** at St Mary's on Sunday 4th January at 6.30pm.

The next Team Council meeting is on Tuesday 13th January at 8.00pm at St Mary's.

The **Wedding Preparation Evening** for St Mary's and All Saints is on Friday 16th January at 7.30pm at All Saints. There is also a **Wedding Fair** at Shendish Manor on Sunday 18th January from 11.00am until 4.00pm. The Deanery clergy are participating in the event.

David, the Team Rector, is keen that All Saints once again has its own mums and tots group. Is there anyone willing to assume responsibility for this group? For further information please speak to David.

Contributions to the next issue of the Benefice Newsletter should be emailed to the editor Jill Horwood at langeleinews@btinternet.com by 31st December.