

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. 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 11.30am - 2.30pm.**

Parents of very small children are welcome to collect toys from the back of church, and use the small room off the hall for their children. **Saints on Sunday (SOS)**, a group for children, meets every Sunday in the hall. The children usually leave the church for their activities after the Peace and return before Communion.

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 18th DECEMBER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd Canon David Lawson
9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd Ivor Cornish
No Evening Prayer (said) at St Mary's

Wednesday 21st December
7.45pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday 22nd December
9.00am Morning Prayer
No 9.30am Eucharist/study group

Friday 23rd December
6.30pm Choir practice
7.45pm Festival of Nine Lesson and Carols at St Paul's, Chipperfield

**Saturday 24th December
CHRISTMAS EVE**
3.30pm Crib service
7.30pm Carol service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

**SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY**
8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Family Eucharist

**Sunday 1st JANUARY
THE CIRCUMCISION**
9.00am Said Eucharist
No 8.00am or 9.30am service

PRAYERS

Please pray for the Bishops of our Diocese, Alan, Bishop of St Albans, Richard Bishop of Bedford and Michael, Bishop of Hertford; the Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (Armagh), and the Bishop, Ferran Glenfield; the parish of Welwyn Hatfield Panshanger; all who live in Meadowbank; those who prepare the altar for Sunday services; The Grand Union Canal – all who use it and those who manage it; our preparation for Christmas; the people and city of Aleppo and the humanitarian relief being provided for its residents and evacuees; the people of Yemen.

Deanery prayers this month are for St Barnabas, Adeyfield, and their mail drop of 800 Christmas cards around their parish. **Please also pray for** Tom Osborn, Jonathan Wheeler, Andrew Knowlman, Michael and Eileen Briers, Martin Briers, Alan Briers, Colin Finch, Marcia Tatham, James Taylor, Michael Young, John Ingleby, Marcus Pathan, Fiona Wright, John Major, Adele Clapham, Rus, Sue and Katie Downham, Ira Cox, Keith and Margaret Johnson, Gordon Dolman and Vivian Leger.

NOTICES

The congregation may be interested to know that the format of the **Crib service on Christmas Eve** will be different to previous years. A new set of Nativity Figures has been purchased courtesy of the Leverstock Green Education Fund. The service will be the telling of the Christmas story with children processing around the church with crib figures and then placing them in stages in the stable in the Langley Chapel.

Thank you to all those who in any way are involved in preparing the church for the Christmas services. Without your help and involvement, the services would not run as smoothly as they always do.

There is still time to sign up to receive a daily prayer and reflection for the remaining days of Advent. To sign up, go to the diocesan website www.stalbans.anglican.org and click on 'Live the Challenge'.

If you are unable to attend the carol service at All Saints on Christmas Eve, St Mary's is having a **congregational Nine Lessons and Carols' service** on Friday 30th December at 7.30pm – followed by mulled wine and refreshments! All are welcome.

The new Team Vicar of St Mary's and St Benedict's, the Revd Richard Howlett, will be licensed and installed at St Benedict's on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm. Members of All Saints are very welcome to attend the service. If you would like to attend the service please sign the list at the back of church.

The next few weeks are busy ones for most people and so the discussion of **the film 'The Way'** is postponed until after Christmas. This will take place on Sunday 15th January in the Langley Chapel after the 9.30am service. If anyone would like to borrow the DVD of the film, please speak to David or Carolyn, who have copies of the film.