

# 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. The church is open every day from 9.30am until 5.00pm.

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](mailto: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 administrator is Norma Howie. The office telephone number is 01923 266596 email: [saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk) or [info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](mailto:info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk) and the website is [www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://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.

The designated Lead Recruiter and Co-ordinator for Safeguarding at All Saints is Marion Miers. Any concerns should be directed to her at [marionmiers7@gmail.com](mailto:marionmiers7@gmail.com) or on 01923 400094

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 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd Canon David Lawson  
9.30am Family Eucharist and Gift Service supporting Monicah's Home in Kenya.  
The Revd Canon David Lawson is presiding and preaching.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
No Morning/Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Special PCC meeting in the hall

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
No Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
No Morning/Evening Prayer 7.45pm Bell ringing practice

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
No Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
No Morning/Evening Prayer  
6.30pm Choir practice

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
No Morning/ Evening Prayer

## SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd Canon David Lawson  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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

## MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.30am Family Eucharist

## PRAYERS

**Please pray for** the Bishops of our Diocese, Alan, Bishop of St Albans, Richard, Bishop of Bedford and Michael, Bishop of Hertford; the Diocese of Wyoming (USA) and the Bishop, John Smylie; the parish of Welwyn Hatfield North Mymms, and the priest, Julia Boothby; all who live in Fisher Close; baptism visitors and marriage preparers; The Community Centre; Monicah's Home in Kenya; the special PCC meeting on Monday of this week; our journey from Advent to Christmas; the children who died in the French rail crossing accident and those who have been injured.

**Please also pray for** Alban Brindel, Donald and Sheila Abbott, Joe Symes, Peter Field, Ellen Krajewski, Albert Symes, Bernie Watchorn, Norman Machell, Colin Butterfield, Andrew Knowlman, Colin Finch, Michael Young, Marcus Pathan, Fiona Wright, Keith and Margaret Johnson, Gordon Dolman and Vivian Leger.

**Please remember** Richard Coleman whose funeral is on Friday of this week. Pray for his daughter Lousie and the family at this time.

## NOTICES

**Decorating the church for Christmas** will take place after the 9.30am service today. The main job will be the preparation and erection of the candle poles. If you can help please remain in church after the service – coffee will be brought to you! There is also a **brief PCC meeting** after the 9.30am service.

**The Christmas Tree Festival** raised over £1500 profit for the mission of our church and to be shared with local charities. Our thanks again to Carolyn and the fundraising team. There was an overwhelmingly positive response to the Festival from exhibitors and visitors – so a very successful end to the year's events! A number of **prayer tags** were attached to one of the Christmas trees. They are displayed at the back of church – please take time to read them.

**Country Life** magazine ('The Christmas Double Issue' £4.95) has an article about nativity sets in churches and All Saints features in the article – see pages 158-162).

**There is a list to sign at the back of church** if you intend to be present at the farewell service for David, the Team Rector, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm. We need to know numbers for catering purposes.

**David, the Team Rector's** retirement, takes effect as from 1st January 2018. He will return for a farewell service at All Saints on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm to which everyone across the Benefice is invited.

**The benefice office will be closed** from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

