



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.

If you place a cash collection in the offertory plate and are a UK taxpayer, please use the white envelope in the pews adding your name, address and post code so the church can claim Gift Aid on your offering.

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

CONTACT DETAILS

Acting Team Rector: The Revd Lizzie Hood 01442 264860 or lizziehood@aol.com Lizzie's rest day is Friday.

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Team Administrator: Norma Howie 01923 266596 saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk. The office is open Monday & Wednesday 8am - 3.30pm, Thursday 12.30pm - 3pm and Friday 11.30am - 2.30pm.

Website: www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

For **baptism, wedding or funeral** enquiries please contact Norma in the office.

For **pastoral care or Holy Communion at home** please contact one of the churchwardens.

The church is open every day from 9.30am until 5pm.

SUNDAY 1st APRIL – EASTER DAY

8.00am Churches Together service in Village Garden
9.30am Family Eucharist: The Venerable Jonathan Smith, Archdeacon of St Albans will preside and preach.

Monday 2nd April – EASTER MONDAY

9.00am Breakfast
10.00am Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans

Tuesday 3rd April

Wednesday 4th April

7.45pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday 5th April

Friday 6th April

No choir practice

Saturday 7th April

SUNDAY 8th APRIL

8.00am Said Eucharist: The Revd Richard Howlett
9.30am Family Eucharist: The Revd Lizzie Hood
12 noon Holy Baptism – Byron Taylor – The Revd Lizzie Hood

PRAYERS

Please pray for the Bishops of our Diocese, Alan, Bishop of St Albans, Richard, Bishop of Bedford and Michael, Bishop of Hertford, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee. For Christians across this world as we celebrate together the

Resurrection of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Parish of St Mary Old Town in our Deanery and those on the All Saints' Prayer Diary for the coming week; The churchwardens responsible for the parish during the vacancy; the people in Eastern Ghouta, Syria.

Please also pray for Donald and Sheila Abbott, Will Berdinner, Alban Brindel, Colin Butterfield, Steve Davies, Gordon and Rosemary Dolman, Colin Finch, Richard Holt, Keith and Margaret Johnson, Andrew Knowlman, Elen Krajewski, Vivian Leger, Norman Machell, Charles and Sarah Smith, Joe Symes, John Thompson, Bernie Watchorn, Iris Watchorn, Fiona Wright and Michael Young.

NOTICES

We are very pleased to welcome The Venerable Jonathan Smith, The Archdeacon of St Albans, who very kindly offered to preside at our Easter Sunday Service to support us during the Interregnum.

Do you or your family shop on Amazon? Amazon has just launched a donation programme whereby they will donate to a charity of your choice 50p for every £100 spent. For you to donate via your purchases, you must log onto **SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK** rather than the usual Amazon website. Then enter "all saints kings langley" when prompted to enter details of the charity you support and then shop as usual. Please spread the word and get your family and friends to choose All Saints as the recipient of your donation, thank you!

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - Please note that it is time for the annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll. If you are not on the electoral roll but are eligible to be, then please take a form from the back of the church on the sidesmans' table, complete it, and return it to Carolyn Andrews our Electoral Roll Officer, or to one of the churchwardens, between now and 5th April.

Lent Smarties Challenge Hopefully you have been collecting your 20p (and £1) coins throughout Lent, and are ready to bring back your full tubes of Smarties to support fundraising.... Don't worry if it's not full yet, please keep collecting and bring back as soon as it is. Thank you! If you would like to continue the challenge, more tubes of Smarties are available from the welcomers.

50th Anniversary of Christian Aid in Kings Langley.

A reminder that there will be a special united service on **April 22nd at 10.30am** at the secondary school when former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, will give the keynote address in his capacity as National Chairman of Christian Aid. He will be joined by the newly appointed Chief Executive of Christian Aid. The occasion will extend into the afternoon with a question and answer session. If you wish to share in the lunch, please sign the list at the back of the church. See also the posters around the church premises.

Sunday 22nd April

There will be no 9.30am service at All Saints.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday, 29th April in the church hall after the 9.30am service.

If any **children** would like to follow a short course to prepare them to receive Holy Communion, please speak to Lizzie Hood or the churchwardens. They would need to have been baptized and be aged 7 by the end of July.

Wine Tasting Event, Friday 18th May, 8.00pm

This is being arranged by Friends of All Saints in the Church Hall. Tickets £22.00 to include light refreshments.

The annual **Benefice Quiet Day at Douai Abbey** is on Saturday 8th September. Names of those wishing to attend will be requested nearer the day.



Churchwardens' Newsletter

April 1st 2018

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter and hope that you have been able to take part in our Palm Sunday and Holy Week services. We have been pleased to welcome Lizzie Hood and Jos Perris to take these services for us and to support us so well during our Interregnum. It is also a great privilege and pleasure to welcome Archdeacon Jonathan to our Easter Day service. We thank him for his guidance and support since the beginning of this year and for giving us some of his precious time to preside at today's service on this special day.

You may be wondering about the progress of streaming our services to those not able to attend church. Unfortunately, it has been delayed by a Church of England Consistory Court in Canterbury ruling that cameras are not appropriate in churches. This related to an application to fix security CCTV cameras, but the ruling had implications on the use of such cameras in church for streaming. We only have one camera showing a limited number of places, we do not intend to show children etc. but the court has said cameras should be off during services. The Diocese has been consulted about streaming and this is now in the hands of the Registrar. We believe that we had already addressed the points of concern in the ruling and are ready to start. It is some time since we asked for guidance, but we do not feel that we should proceed until we have it.

We, the Churchwardens, have now decided that we should put on hold any major decisions on re-ordering until the new Team Rector is in position and can play his/her crucial part in the project. The PCC's decision to re-order the church, which was, as you know, enthusiastically supported by David Lawson, still stands of course, and we continue to research and fact find in order to move the project forward. It is our intention that when the new incumbent is in place it will be seen that we are well on the way to achieving this initiative which can then be completed under his/her leadership.

We'd like to draw your attention to the Ecclesiastical Insurance poster on the porch noticeboard. All Saints is insured with Ecclesiastical and to celebrate their 130th anniversary Ecclesiastical are offering to donate £130 to our church for every new home insurance policy taken out before 31/10/18. Ecclesiastical say that customers across the UK have voted them the UK's Most Trusted Home Insurance provider ahead of all other insurers. One of our members has recently taken up their anniversary offer so All Saints will be receiving a £130 cheque, and she found that as a church volunteer she got a 10% discount too (please note that neither this Newsletter nor the poster constitutes either a recommendation or financial advice in any way). As you are well aware we again face a huge challenge to finish the financial year in at the very least a breakeven position. This is another way which could, with your help, achieve that result.

We have recently arranged with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to put their signs up at the church entrance and on the war memorial railings. This will indicate that there are such graves in our churchyard. The Commission is seeking to draw more attention to the very many such graves around the UK.

We are planning to install remote control to our heating systems in order to make it much easier for those who currently have to come into church each time we need to adjust the times. This is done mostly by Brian James, but also others at times, to whom we take this opportunity to thank for all they do to keep us warm.

You may be reassured to know that Carolyn Andrews is undertaking the work necessary for us to meet the new General Data Protection Regulations which become law at the end of May 2018. This is quite a task and we are truly grateful to her for doing this. You will hear more about this from her over the coming weeks.

As to the Vacancy, the Parish Profile is now in place on the Diocese website, as is a copy of the advertisement inviting applications to fill the position of Team Rector for the Benefice of Langelei. An advertisement has been placed in The Church Times on 16th and 23rd March, with a possible follow up one if necessary on 30th March. The closing date for applications is 12th April. Shortlisting will begin on 18th April. Interviews will take place on 9th May 2018.

Letting the Rectory on a short-term basis is now in the hands of Proffitt & Holt, Kings Langley Branch, and viewings are taking place. We are, between us, visiting the premises twice a week to check everything is safe and in order.

Another of our Mission Action Plan Smart Goals is now in place, that of setting up a Communications Group and accessing and using social media to raise our profile within the community. The latter we have been doing for some time but the Group is now active and their work is becoming obvious. Have you noticed our new logo, for instance? This will now be used on as many documents as is feasible. Let us know what you think of it! Some changes are being made to the website to make it more informative and welcoming, and they are looking at some different types of posters to communicate key messages. If you or your family are on Facebook, please 'like' and follow All Saints Kings Langley and contribute to the Facebook page!

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