

after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

#### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians**

**1.11-16a**

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

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#### **Hear the Gospel According to Matthew**

**19.27-end**

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

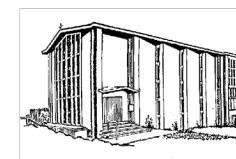
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

# **The Benefice of Langelei**



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St Mary's,  
Apsley



All Saints,  
Kings Langley

**25th January, 2026**

#### **The Conversion of St Paul**

##### **The Collect**

God our creator,  
who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### **A reading from the book of Acts**

**9.1-22**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But

Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,

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## The Conversion of St Paul

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### Prayer of preparation

Spirit of God, come among us, work within us.  
Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness.  
Cleanse us and make us new.  
Touch us and make us whole.  
Receive our worship in Jesus' name.  
**Amen**

**Holy Trinity is open every day** from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Children** from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join Junior Church in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! There is also a children's corner at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are through the Trinity Room.

Our services are live streamed.  
Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.

### Services Today

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**President** Rev David Jones  
**Preacher** Rev Jos Perris

**Hymns** 155, 200, 400, 486  
**NEH** 154, 294

**Junior Church** Suzanne

**11.45** Baptism of Willow Bone

**3pm** Calm Church

This Sunday Revd Dr Diana Stretton is taking the service at All Saints, Kings Langley



### This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 26th January**

7.30pm CA Group

**Wednesday 28th January**

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Communion

**Thursday 29th January**

10am Toddler & Babies Church  
7.30pm CA Group

**Friday 30th January**

7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 31st January**

10am-12 Coffee Shop

### Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services  
Tuesdays St Benedict's - 9am MP  
Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC  
Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC

### Sunday 1st February Candlemas

**8am** BCP Communion Service

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Malachi 3.1-5  
Hebrews 2.14-end  
Luke 2.22-40

### PRAYERS

**... for the launch of Calm Church this week,**  
for the volunteers and those who come.

**... for the sick:** For those with ongoing needs:  
Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe,  
Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, Phyllis  
Duncan, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda  
Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal,  
David Roberts, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison  
Parkyns, Anne Ball and Su.  
For those with immediate needs:  
Martin Meredith, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Mike  
Hawtin, Iain and Verity.

**... for the departed:** We pray for the repose of  
the souls of the recently departed, especially  
Brian Gedge, and remembering those whose  
anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their  
families and friends and all who mourn.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 17th February 4.30pm** - Pancake

Tea in the Trinity Room

**Wednesday 18th February** - Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at  
Holy Trinity at 10am and also at St Mary's at  
8pm. Everyone across the Team is welcome  
to either of these services.

**Sunday 1st March 4.30pm** - Sacred Space. A  
new service to explore different and reflective  
styles of worship. More details to follow.

**Saturday 7th March 10am - 4pm** - Team  
Quiet Day. Pause in Lent for reflections on  
the Lord's Prayer. Pick up a flyer in church for  
full details and how to book.

**Sunday 22nd March 10.30am** - Team service  
at St Benedicts. All are welcome to come  
and celebrate at the 'soft launch' of the  
revitalization of St Benedicts.

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would not be possible  
without your generous  
donations. If you would like  
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### NOTICES

**Thank you!** At the Christingle service last week we raised £408.70 for The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who made the Christingles and donated!

### Opening and closing church

We need new people to help with opening and closing the church - opening on a Monday and both opening and closing on a Thursday. It only takes about 10 minutes but is a weekly commitment (cover help available when people are away). Opening up is around 10am and can be done by one person, closing should be done in pairs for safety at around 4pm. Talk to Terry to find out more.

### Calm Church - 25th January 3pm

A new service to support and welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families. Talk to Diana if you want to know more. Please do share the details of this service with families who you think would find it helpful.

### Choral Evensong for Candlemas

All are invited to All Saints Kings Langley for Choral Evensong at 4.30pm on the 1st February to celebrate Candlemas. A beautiful choral service followed by fizz and cake!

