

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦ the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦ and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦ or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦ who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦ a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦ 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦ and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' ♦ 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

2.22-40

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen



Candlemas - 1st February, 2026
Welcome!

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 the Prophet Malachi

3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter to Hebrews

2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

You may take this home to study the readings and prayers at your leisure.

Signpost 1st February, 2026

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Office open Mon-Fri 8.00am-12.00pm.
The church building is usually open daily for
prayer 9.30am – 5pm.

There is a defibrillator by the hall door
**If you need any support/would like a visit or
to receive Holy Communion at home, please
contact the Wardens or Pastoral Support.**

Children from nursery age are welcome to
'Saints on Sunday' which meets in the hall,
unless there is an All Age service. The children
go to their activities after the first hymn and
return for Communion. Parents are welcome
to take younger children out to the hall too.
Toilets and baby change facilities are
available off the hall corridor. There is also a
Children's Area under the tower, with pew
bags, books and toys.

Pastoral Support

If you or someone you know needs pastoral
support, including a visit or Communion at
home, please get in touch with the Pastoral
Group: Eric Martin, Sheila Ashman, Lynne
Head, Brian McAdam or Nicola Isherwood.
Email info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk

Giving to All Saints

We rely on donations, and your
support is appreciated. Please scan
the QR code, select amount & gift
aid or ✉ allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com
to make a one off donation. To join our
planned giving scheme or sign up to gift aid,
contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604.



Services Today

9.30am All-Age Eucharist

President Fr James McDonald

Organist Bertha Kum

Hymns 113, 702, 396, 719,

Voluntary Fiat Lux (Let there be light)
(Dubois)

Readers David Holmes

Intercessor Brian McAdam

Duty Warden Jane Ng

11.15am Church in the Wild

4.30pm Choral Evensong

Hearing Loop If anyone in the congregation
uses a hearing loop, please speak to Sheila

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 3rd February

10 - 11.30am Kings Langley Foodbank

10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4th February

9am Morning Prayer

10am Tiny Tots Stay & Play

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 6th February

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Communion

10-11am Bible Study (Zoom)

6.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 8th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Morning services around the team

*All are welcome to mid-week Morning
Prayer and Holy Communion services*

Tues St Benedict's - 9am Prayer Meeting

Wed Holy Trinity - 9am MP, 10am HC

Thurs St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

Fri All Saints - 9am MP, 10am HC

Candlemas

For Your Prayers

Please pray for our Ministry Team :

Fr James, Rev Diana, Rev David & Rev Jos
and all who support them.

Prayer Cycle: For all those who live in The
Orchard, our volunteer drivers and pubs.

Please Pray For: Richard Blackburn, Barbara
Brown, Tessa Cox, Margaret Dicks, Nick
Foster, Tim Groves, Charles Johnson,
Rosemary & Steve Moore, Barbara Parker,
Amelie Sherman-Morley, Steve Wiggins,
Lauren Williamson and John Worby.

RIP: Brian Quarry and Vivian Leger.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer
list, please contact Nicola Isherwood on 07850
172340 or email isherwoods75@gmail.com*

NOTICES

It is with great sadness that we hear of the
passing of Brian Quarry, once organist here,
just one day before his 101th birthday. The
funeral is on 21st February - details to follow.

The Big Clean - Save the Date

Saturday 28th February Details to follow.

Candlemas Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 1 FEB

4.30 PM

ALL SAINTS, KINGS LANGLEY

FOLLOWED BY FIZZ AND CAKE

Music:

Magn and Nunc in A-flat (Harwood)

Song of Simeon (Shepherd)

Eternal Light, shines into our hearts

(Archer)

Everyone is welcome



Let there be light

Team Quiet Day 7th March 2026

We are planning a Team Quiet Day
exploring the Lord's Prayer on the 7th March
2026 at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The
day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person.
Pick up a flyer for full details of what is
happening and how to book!

Christian Aid: Counting the cost of the climate
crisis: In 2025 nowhere was spared from
crippling climate disasters. The USA bore the
greatest financial cost, with wildfires in
California costing over \$60 billion & killing over
400. Cyclones and floods across Southeast Asia
killed more than 1,750 people and caused \$25
billion in losses, and devastating floods in China
displaced thousands and caused \$11.7 billion in
damage. Some of the most devastating impacts
were felt in poorer countries. Flooding in
Nigeria and the DRC killed hundreds, while
droughts across parts of West Asia threaten
millions with severe water shortages.
Please pray that 2026 will see real progress with
Governments taking action to reduce emissions
and so improve the lives of many in our world.

Foodbank – Thank you for all your donations.
Your donations have been fabulous but we
would be very grateful for the following that can
be left in the tray on the table in front of the
North Aisle Screen. Items must be in date **non-
perishable** food and household
essentials. Especially pasta sauces, LL Milk,
crisps, biscuits, cereal, tinned
fruit, custard, rice pudding,
shampoo and shower gel.
For inspiration please
see needs list at <https://t.ly/VJUlr>



The Aumbry Light

*The Aumbry light is the candle kept alight by
the High Altar to mark where the Sacrament is
reserved and can be sponsored to mark an
anniversary, a celebration or for another prayer
intention. If you are interested please contact
Eric Martin: 01923 267604*