



**Kings Langley Churches
United Service
Christian Aid Week 2020**



9.30am Sunday 10th May 2020

Today's service is led by people from across our churches

Guest Preacher: Deborah Auty, Head of Communications
Christian Aid

WELCOME!

Although we cannot gather together the worship of the church continues. You may be joining in this service online. Welcome! You may be reading a hard copy of this service booklet. Welcome! Although we are physically distant we are still near each other in prayer through the intercessions and presence of Jesus. May his peace be with you and all those you are praying for at this time.

THE GATHERING

The Welcome and the Greeting *Fr. James, Vicar of All Saints*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introduction *Paul Tucker, Chair of Kings Langley Christian Aid introduces the service and Deborah Auty, our guest preacher.*

Prayers of Penitence *Fr. James invites us to confess our sins.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria *Sung by the choirs of St Albans Cathedral – we join with them in praise!*

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

The Collect *Fr James prays the special prayer for today:*

Let us pray.

A short time of silent prayer.

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 7.55-60 *Andrew Brazier, Minister of Kings Langley Methodist Church*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Standing before the high priest and the council, ⁵⁵ Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 14.1-14 *Matthew Cooper, Minister of Christ Church Baptist Church*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon *Deborah Auty, Head of Communications Christian Aid*

The Creed *Fr James invites us to declare our faith in God*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *Sheila Ashman, Deputy Churchwarden All Saints*

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father:
**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Fr. James and Rachel McDonald lead us in the Eucharist.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: **Be thou my vision** (*words will appear on the video*)

During this hymn you may wish to consider your donation to Christian Aid and to our churches. At the offertory we present ourselves and our resources all to be blessed by God and used in the service of his Kingdom.

The Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever;
Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

You may like to use the following words to reflect during the Communion:

A mother feeds her child with her milk, but our beloved mother Jesus feeds us with himself. In tender courtesy he gives us the Blessed Sacrament, the most treasured food of life.

Margery Kempe

The Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life;
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn: O Jesus I have promised (*words will appear on the video*)

To donate to Christian aid head to Kings Langley Churches together website and follow the link to the just giving page: <http://kings-langley-churches.org.uk/>

A bit of fun from Christian Aid!

CHOOSE YOUR LOCKDOWN HOUSE

House 1

Mother Teresa
Richard Coles
Julian of Norwich
Usain Bolt

House 4

Dorothy Day
Lewis Hamilton
Katherine Jenkins
Giles Fraser

House 7

Rosa Parks
Johnny Cash
Florence Nightingale
Dr Rowan Williams

House 2

Kate Bottley
Pope Francis
Fanny Crosby
Martin Luther King Jr

House 5

Christine Ohuruogu
St Francis of Assisi
Corrie ten Boom
C S Lewis

House 8

Beyoncé
Martin Sheen
St Augustine
Christina Rossetti

House 3

Aretha Franklin
Archbishop Justin Welby
Elizabeth Fry
Mark Wahlberg

House 6

Mary Berry
Desmond Tutu
Queen Elizabeth II
Søren Kierkegaard

House 9

Joan of Arc
Stormzy
Harriet Beecher Stowe
John Donne

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

The church building is currently closed in line with Government advice.

If you need any assistance or would like to chat, please ring the churchwardens or Father James.

Keeping in touch: Keep an eye on the 'Keeping in Touch' page on the website. Updates will be emailed and where possible delivered to those who are not online.

Website: Make sure you check out our new website! It includes details of our online services and a new prayer resources and mental health section.

Giving to All Saints is especially important at this time. To review your giving, join our planned giving scheme or sign up to gift aid, contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604

Virtual Coffee after church! 10.30am on Sundays via Zoom (email invitation)

Although our building is closed, Church is not closed!

SUNDAY 10th May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am *Video Eucharist** for Christian Aid Week (via the website or Facebook)

10.30am *Zoom Christian Aid Churches Together* catch up and Q&A with Deborah Auty, Head of Strategic communications for Christian Aid. *Church contacts will receive an email invitation.*

Tue – Thu *Live Stream Morning Prayer 8.30am & Evening Prayer 5pm (Wed: Eucharist)*

SUNDAY 17th May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am *Live Stream Eucharist** Followed by Virtual Coffee! (see above)

11.15am Informal Service (10 mins) for all the family.

** Hard copies for those offline*

PRAYERS

Prayer cycle Those who live on Water Lane. Our car rota volunteers. Members of Kings Langley Community Choir. The work of Christian Aid.

The sick* John Bachelor, Olive Darvill, Rosemary Dolman, Roz Funnell, Paul Habershon, Rosemary Huggett, Margaret Johnson, Vivian Leger, Mike Morgan, Beanie Reffold, Karen Rose, Kingsley Rothwell, Joan Ross, Charles & Sarah Smith, Joe Symes and Jackie Tuck. We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

RIP Trevor Wragg, Joan Hall, Peter Brazier and Douglas Cootes remembering their families and friends and all who mourn.

** Names are held on this list for 2 months after which consent is reviewed. To be included contact any member of the LMDT.*

The Altar lights can be sponsored each week in memory of someone, to celebrate an anniversary or for a prayer intention. If you are interested, please contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604.

NOTICES

The 100 Club April Draw winners were 1st Ingrid Allen, 2nd Rosemary Moore, 3rd = Hilda Mather and Carolyn Andrews. Congratulations to them all!

Virtual Collection During this difficult time All Saints must still pay its bills, fund its ministry and contribute to the wider church. We rely on your generosity. You can donate by card or Apple/Google Pay: scan the QR code (right) with your smartphone camera, select donation amount and choose Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. To arrange a donation by cheque or bank transfer email allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com



Pastoral care If you know anyone who is not on the church electoral roll but would like to be kept in touch with by 'phone, please tell Fr. James or the churchwardens. If you, or anyone you know, needs support or would like to offer it please tell us or contact **Kings Langley Good Neighbours**: www.klgna.org or 07790 668672

Christian Aid Donations There is no house-to-house collection this year. Covid-19 affects both rich and poor, but we know the poorest will suffer most. Please give if you can, via the just giving page found here: <http://kings-langley-churches.org.uk/>

Benefice Newsletter: Contributions to mikeandjean23@btinternet.com by 17 May.

Website: www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/allsaints



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