

**Hear the Gospel According to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Signpost
Third Sunday of Lent - 8th March, 2026
Welcome!

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through 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

Introit: Lent Prose - Refrain (first time by cantor):

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated bow down and hearken to they children pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain sung by all*

A reading from the Book of Exodus

17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!


A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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<p>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.</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

Services Today	
9.30am	Family Eucharist
President	Rev David Jones
Organist	Bertha Kum
Hymns	838, 238, 634, 682
	Vater unser im Himmelreich
Voluntary	(Our Father in Heaven), Op. 67 No, 39 (Reger)
Readers	Mark Gritten Rene Gardner
Intercessor	Nicola Isherwood
Duty Warden	Keith Gower
<p>Congratulations to Sarah & James Stevens, on the birth of Eleanor James, sister to Lottie and new granddaughter for John & Ingrid</p>	

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS	
Tuesday 10th March	
10 - 11.30am	Kings Langley Foodbank
10 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning
11.30am	Lent Course in Hall - Week 4
Wednesday 11th March	
9am	Morning Prayer
10-11.30am	Tiny Tots Stay and Play
7.30-9pm	Bellingring Practice
Friday 13th March	
9am	Morning Prayer
10am	Holy Communion
10-11am	Bible Study (Zoom)
6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday	
9.30am	Family Eucharist
Morning services around the team	
<i>All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services</i>	
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

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 Water Lane, the Sunday Refreshments Team and our Fire Service crews.	
Please Pray For: Richard Blackburn, Barbara Brown, James Conradi, Tessa Cox, Margaret Dicks, Nick Foster, Tim Groves, Charles Johnson, Jon McAdam, Rosemary & Steve Moore, Yvonne Padden, Barbara Parker, Stephen Sharp, Lizzie Taylor, Amelie Sherman-Morley, Steve Wiggins, Lauren Williamson and John Worby.	
<p><i>If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Nicola Isherwood on 07850 172340 or email isherwoods75@gmail.com</i></p>	

NOTICES	
<p>Please can key holders bring their keys to church for auditing (Sunday 8, 15 March) thank you Ingrid.</p>	
<p>Come and Join the Green Gym 9-11am 28th March, 16th May, 4th July, 22nd August and 26th September - help keep our churchyard looking good. Information from richardashman9@gmail.com.</p>	
<p>Big Clean Thanks to the 22 people who helped give the church a thorough clean last Saturday or the week before. The church looked fabulous Sunday morning. I know a lot of the places that got cleaned will go un-noticed as they are out of immediate sight – but we all know that the dust has gone. Sheila A</p>	
<p>Easter Monday 6 April 2026 9am Breakfast for 10am Walking Pilgrimage to St Albans. Please sign up if you wish to join us for bacon rolls in the hall before walking to St Albans. Last date for catering purposes is Sunday 29 March 2026 If you require a lift back, please indicate on the sign up sheet at the back of church or speak to Ingrid or John Allen</p>	

<p>The Prayer Course - Our Team Lent Course There is a leaflet at the back of the church for more details. Week 5: Tuesday 17th Mar 11.30am at All Saints Thursday 19th Mar 7.30pm at St Benedict's Saturday 21st Mar 10am at St Mary's</p>
<p>Christian Aid Prayer – Ever-loving God, who hears us in our anguish and distress, and longs for us to be free, we pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East at this time of fear and uncertainty. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering. Guide those with the power to make decisions, and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion, and moderation: that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation. Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places, in praying for peace with justice, through him who is the prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p>Foodbank – Thank you for all your donations. Your donations have been fabulous but we are low on supplies and would be very grateful for any contributions 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 LL Milk, tinned meat/tuna/Beans/fruit, rice (packet or pouch), pasta sauce (jars), biscuits, custard. We have plenty of dog/cat food at the moment. For inspiration please see needs list at https://t.ly/VJUlr</p> 
<p>The Aumbry Light This week the light is sponsored by Brian McAdam in loving memory of Jill McAdam. <i>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</i></p>