

# The Benefice of Langelei

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

**5.16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

**1.6-8, 19-28**

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

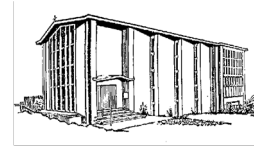
This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

*This bulletin, with the notices, prayer and readings is for you to take home to study at your leisure. Please pray for the work of the church in this Parish.*

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St Benedict's,  
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,  
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,  
Apsley



All Saints,  
Kings Langley

## **Third Sunday of Advent - Year B**

**17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

### **The Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah**

**61.1-4,8-end**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

# Holy Trinity Bulletin 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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• **Children** from Nursery age upwards  
• are encouraged to join the Junior  
• Church during the 10.00am service. It  
• begins a few minutes into the service,  
• and parents are welcome to go too  
• into the Trinity room. There is a  
• children's corner for tots at the front  
• of church, to be used under your own  
• supervision, and you'll also find  
• colouring boxes there for children  
• to use alongside you in the pew.  
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## Giving to Holy Trinity

We rely on your donations to maintain our church and its mission. Donations can be made on our website, or by cash or contactless card in church. Please Gift Aid your donation, if possible. Thank you.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. If you wish to remain off camera please sit in the left hand bank of seating (north aisle).

## Services Today

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist with Toddler Church Nativity play  
**President** Lizzie Hood  
**Preacher** Lizzie Hood  
**Hymns**  
**Junior Church**

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

2:45pm Collective Worship at LG School. All Welcome.  
7.00pm C.A. group in TR  
7.45pm Trinity Readers

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
7.30pm Trinity Men's Group in TR

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

10am Holy Communion  
Noon Craft Group Christmas Meeting

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
10.00am Toddler Church

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

7.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

10-12am Saturday Coffee Shop

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Forth Sunday in Advent

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist  
**3pm & 5pm** Children's Crib Service  
**11:15pm** Midnight Mass

### Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Romans 16:25-end  
Luke 1:26-38

# Third Sunday of Advent

## PRAYERS

### Please pray

**...for William Stone** who is to be baptised today  
**... for the sick:** Ingrid Blockley, John and Laurence Blythe, Julia Davenne, Phyllis Duncan, Madge Field, Lynn Freeman, Kay Hawes, Kirsty Millar, Florence Portugal and Carole Robson.  
**... for the departed:** We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Peter McClelland, Mark Jefferson, Rita Reed, Margaret Cullen and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TODAY - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am

Toddler Church Nativity Play in Parish Eucharist

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
followed by mulled wine & mince pies

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

10am Parish Eucharist;  
3pm & 5pm Children's Crib Service;  
11.15pm Midnight Mass

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10am Christmas Eucharist

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-4pm

Friendship Tea in TR

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

### No Service at HT

10.30am Joint Team Service  
at All Saints, Kings Langley

## NOTICES

Daily Advent reflections are available from the Church of England if you sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/connect-years-call-join-song>

### Sat 6<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

### 'Some Enchanted Evening'

*Chase the January blues away with a journey through musical theatre, with our friends the O'Donnell family and special guest Lyle Fulton.*

Tickets £15 to include drinks and nibbles  
From Beverley 07954 141188

## The Community Foodbank

Christmas goodies would be very welcome for Foodbank users

'The 2024 Church Cleaning rota is on the TR notice board. Please don't be shy to sign up - if 2 people do it it takes less than an hour. A clean and tidy church is part of our welcome to our visitors. (TR cleaning is organised separately.) I'm happy to buddy up to show what needs to be done. Gillian on 07770 874744.

## Did you know?

You can find details of parish activities on our website at **[www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk)** and we have a facebook page at

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