

Signpost and Prayers Sunday after the Ascension



Sunday 24th May 2020

'God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet'

Psalm 47.5

Prayers for Ascensiontide

The Collect of Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A Sonnet for the Ascension, *Malcolm Guite*

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed .

Post Communion Prayer of Ascension Day

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Signpost

CONTACT DETAILS

Team Vicar: Fr. James McDonald 01923 903531 or james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk *James's rest day is Monday.*

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Team Administrator: Norma Howie 01923 266596 saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk *The office is open Monday & Wednesday 7.30am – 2.30pm, Thursday 12noon – 3pm and Friday 11.00am – 2.30pm.*

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.

Although our building is closed, Church is not closed!

SUNDAY 24th May: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

10.00am *Video* service with Revd. Lizzie Hood. Head to the Holy Trinity section of the benefice website: www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk/holytrinity/

Or Radio 4, 8.10am or St Albans Cathedral, 10am: www.stalbanscathedral.org

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

Friday 10am Zoom Bible study (see zoom email invite)

SUNDAY 31st May: PENTECOST

9.30am *Video* Eucharist, Fr James, followed by virtual coffee (see below)!

PRAYERS

Prayer cycle Those who live in Waterside. Our altar linen carers. Kings Langley Information Forum and Kings Langley Good Neighbours and their work in the village.

The sick* John Bachelor, Olive Darvill, Rosemary Dolman, 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. All those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

RIP Roz Funnell, 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

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



Giving to All Saints is especially important at this time when we are unable to hire out our hall or hold fundraising events. To review your giving, join our planned giving scheme or sign up to gift aid, please contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604

Virtual Coffee after church! 10.30am on Sundays via *Zoom* (church contacts will receive an email invitation).

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/>

Thy Kingdom Come Join the global wave of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost by praying for the Spirit to come into our world and our hearts and for more people to come to know Jesus. **You can join in online here:** <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/thy-kingdom-come/>

Virtual Reader and Intercessor Refresher 4pm Sunday 31st May. If you would like to join our team of readers or intercessors please come along! Contact Sheila Ashman by 4pm 27th May to receive a Zoom invitation: sheilamac6456@gmail.com

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