

- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.  
 29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?  
 30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.  
 31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

**4.13-end**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 8.31-end GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**



### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
 you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
 that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
 grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **A reading from Genesis**

**17.1-7,15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **Psalm**

**22.23-31**

- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.  
 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.  
 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.  
 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.  
 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

### **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
 you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
 keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
 that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
 and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Signpost 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Office open Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm.

The church building is open daily for prayer.

9.30am – 5pm.

The foodbank is open Tuesdays from 10 to 11.30am.

**If you need any support or would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Wardens or Fr. James.**

**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.

## Giving to All Saints

We rely on donations, and your support is appreciated.

Donate by card or Apple/

Google Pay: scan the QR code

(right), select amount and gift aid. You can email [allsaintstreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto: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** Family Eucharist

**President** Rev'd Lizzie Hood

**Readers** John Allen, Mark Stannard

**Intercessor** Carolyn Andrews

**Organist** Bertha Kum

**Hymns** 763, 838, 135, 441, 510

## THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

10 - Coffee Morning, Royal Chapel  
11.30am

10 - Foodbank, Lady Chapel  
11.30am

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

10- Tiny Tots Stay & Play  
11.30am

7pm Women's Group Games Night

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

9.30am Eucharist followed by Coffee and Lent Study

2pm The World Day of Prayer Service

5pm Youth Choir Workshop

6.30pm Choir Practice

**Church Foodbank** – Please support this important resource for those in need. Please leave items in the basket on the table in front of the North Aisle Screen. In date non-perishable, unopened food or household essentials are much appreciated eg Coffee, Sugar or tinned fish/meat. For inspiration please see needs list: <https://t.ly/VJUlr>

**Sunday 3rd March 2pm-5pm**

Fund raising Piano Recital with Oksana Hermanchuk - see poster.

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

9:30am Family Eucharist

11:15 Church in the Wild

2pm Piano Recital

# Second Sunday of Lent

## For Your Prayers

**Prayer Cycle:** All who live on Langley Lodge Lane and the farms in Kings Langley.

**Please Pray For:** King Charles, Bishop Alan, Wendy Buckland, Tessa Cox, Olive Darvill, Margaret Johnson, Brian Haynes, John Heal, Brigitte Hease, Vivian Leger, David and Jo Lidgate, Andrew Moon, Mike Morgan, Dennis Neate, Alison Paddon Hicks, Rosemary & Steve Moore, May Parker, Sheila Peevers, Jack Mather, Jackie Tuck, Steve Wiggins & Lauren Williamson.

**RIP:** All the recently departed.

## NOTICES

### Mothering Sunday Flowers

A big thank you to the sponsors of the flowers for Mothering Sunday.

### Wednesday 28th February 7pm-9pm

Women's Group Games Night in the Hall. Come and enjoy a fun evening, bring a Mother, sister, friend, neighbour, colleague! Please let [jamie.brockhurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamie.brockhurst@hotmail.co.uk) know if you are coming.

### Friday 1st March from 2pm.

The World Day of Prayer service (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer) will be held here, at All Saints. All are welcome.

### Friday 1st March 5pm-6pm

Youth Choir Workshop with the Director of Music. Singing, fun, friendship and food! Sign up or inquire [kum.bertha@gmail.com](mailto:kum.bertha@gmail.com)

### Village Produce Market

#### 3rd Saturday of the month .

*We need volunteers to help set up, run and take down our refreshment stall at the Village Market. Ideally we need a team to share the load, perhaps a group of friends would enjoy being together doing this? Or a chance to make new friends! If you would like to know more please talk to Sheila ASAP.*

## Lent & Easter Services

### Fridays in Lent 9.30am

Eucharist followed by coffee & Lent Study

### Mothering Sunday 10th March

9.30am All Age Eucharist with distribution of flowers followed by refreshments

### Palm Sunday 24th March

9.15am Hot Cross Buns & Coffee at Dallings

9.30am Procession and Eucharist

4.30pm Stations of the Cross, music & readings for Holy Week.

### Maundy Thursday 28th March

8pm Eucharist with foot washing & stripping of the altars. Incense will be used at this service. The Watch is kept until midnight.

### Good Friday 29th March

10am Children's Service followed by Hot Cross Buns & Coffee

12noon Liturgy of Good Friday

### Easter Sunday 31st March

8am Churches Together outdoor service (incense) followed by Hot Cross Buns and Coffee

9.30am All Age Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt

### Easter Monday 1st April

Breakfast in Church Hall followed by Pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral

### 9th March - 7.30pm at St. Giles Church

**London SE5 8RB.** Bertha will be singing with the Ionian Singers. Programme includes music by Byrd, Tomkins, Parry, Arensky and Ligeti etc. Tickets (£15, or £5 for children and full-time students) can be bought from 07932766513 or [info@ioniansingers.co.uk](mailto:info@ioniansingers.co.uk).

## The Aumbry Light

This week the Aumbry Light is sponsored in loving memory of Geoff.

*It is the candle kept alight by the High Altar to mark where the Sacrament is reserved. If you too would like to mark a significant occasion, please contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604.*

