

when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

11.1-13

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

Prayer After Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water:

refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Signpost

Sixth Sunday after Trinity - 27th July, 2025

Welcome!

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
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

A reading from the book of Genesis

18.20-32

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

This is the Word of the Lord.


THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

2.6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

Signpost 27th July, 2025

CONTACT DETAILS	
<p>Team Rector: Fr. James McDonald james.a.mcdonald@live.co.uk James' rest day is Monday.</p> <p>Churchwardens: Andy Wragg 07595 217168 andrewtwragg@gmail.com Keith Gower 07554 997144 gowerkeith@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Safeguarding Officer: Lynne Head 07496 994091 allsaintsklsafeguarding@gmail.com</p> <p>Team Administrator: Sue Bassett 01923 266596 or 07503 950315 info@beneficeoflangelei.org.uk. Office open Mon-Fri 8.00am-12.00pm. The church building is usually open daily for prayer 9.30am – 5pm.</p> <p>If you need any support or would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Wardens or Pastoral Support.</p>	
<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>	
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Services Today	
<p>9.30am Family Eucharist</p> <p>President Father James McDonald</p> <p>Organist Bertha Kum</p> <p>Hymns 715, 116, 707*, 816, 702</p> <p>Voluntary Voluntary in D (Croft)</p> <p>Readers Mark Stannard John Allen</p> <p>Intercessor Brian McAdam</p> <p>Duty Warden Sheila Ashman</p>	
<p>3pm Alice's Farewell Eucharist at St Mary's</p>	
<p><i>We have lost a few of our Welcomers from the Team. If this is a role that you can see yourself enjoying do speak to Sheila or the office. Main requirement - a smile!</i></p>	
THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS	
<p>Tuesday 29th July 10 - 11.30am Kings Langley Foodbank 10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in the Hall</p>	
<p>Wednesday 30th July 9am Morning Prayer 10am NO Tiny Tots Stay & Play Returns 3rd September 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>	
<p>Friday 1st August 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 10-11am Bible Study (Zoom) 6.30pm Choir Practice</p>	
<p>Sunday 3rd August - 7th Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Family Eucharist 11.15am Church in the Wild</p>	
<p>Morning services around the team <i>All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services</i> Tuesday St Benedict's - 9am MP Wednesday Holy Trinity - 9am MP, 10am HC Thursday St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC Friday All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC</p>	

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

For Your Prayers
<p>Please pray for our Team Ministry: Especially Mother Alice Jolley and Coral on their last Sunday, Father James McDonald, Revd Dr Diana Stretton and Revd Jos Perris and all who support them.</p> <p>Prayer Cycle: For all those who live on Langley Hill, the flower arrangers and the Foodbank Team.</p> <p>Please Pray For: Hazel Archer, Abbie Best, Richard Blackburn, Phoebe Boyce, Barbara Brown, Tessa Cox, Olive Darvill, Margaret Dicks, James Esom, Hana Head, Margaret Johnson, Tim Groves, Brigitte Hease, Vivian Leger, David and Jo Lidgate, Andrew Moon, Mike Morgan, Tony Morton, Jean Osborn, Alison Paddon Hicks, Rosemary & Steve Moore, May Parker, Sheila Peevers, Sienna Marie Purvis, Amelie Sherman-Morley, Jackie Tuck, John Worby, Steve Wiggins and Lauren Williamson.</p>

NOTICES
<p>Pray Hemel 2nd August 8.30 am start in Bank Court by Liberty Tea Room (opens at 9.30)- A walk through the Marlowes praying for the Town Centre.</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd August - Green Gym Please save the date and come and join the team looking after the churchyard.</p>
<p>The Aumbry Light The light this week is sponsored In loving memory of Ken and Sheila Chitty by Denise McDonald. <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>
<p>Have you noticed some kneelers are back fixed? Thank you to the wonderful team that have repaired them beautifully.</p>

<p>Saturday 13th September - Bike 'n Hike Run by Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Info at www.bedshertshct.co.uk If you are interested in taking part, alone or part of a team, contact the office.</p>
<p>26th - 28th September - Beer & Fizz Festival Sponsor a Keg We aim to cover as much of the costs of the festival as possible, so that more money can be raised for the church and charity. We are looking for local companies or individuals to 'Sponsor a barrel' for £120. In past years some people have sponsored a barrel in memory of a loved one. If this is of interest, or you would like to know more please email/contact the office.</p> <p>Volunteers The festival can only happen thanks to a small army of volunteers! If you would be willing to spare a few hours of the weekend volunteering in return for entry and some drink tokens please email/contact the office.</p>
<p>Christian Aid prayers: El Salvador A tiny but densely populated nation in which the gap between the poor majority and the rich elite is huge, that suffered civil war (1980-1992). It is highly susceptible to natural Disasters and is one of the most violent countries in the world. Christian Aid partners advocate for policy change at the government level on issues like climate change, tax justice, accountability, women's rights, tackling violence and building peace. Please pray for the work there. Thank you.</p>
<p>Foodbank – Thank you for all your donations. We have been extremely busy and the cupboard is a bit bare so would be very grateful for the following that can be left in the basket on the table in front of the North Aisle Screen. Items must be in date non-perishable food and household essentials. Especially LL milk, sugar, Tinned meals, baked beans, Washing up Liquid and Men's toiletries.</p> <p>For inspiration please see Needs list at https://t.ly/VJUlr</p>

