

# The Benefice of Langelei

## A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 24.36-44

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

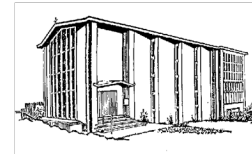
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**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

## Post Communion

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



St Benedict's,  
Bennetts End



Holy Trinity,  
Leverstock Green



St Mary's,  
Apsley



All Saints,  
Kings Langley

## First Sunday of Advent

**30th November, 2025**

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 the Prophet Isaiah

2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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

# Holy Trinity Bulletin 30th November, 2025

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## Prayer of preparation

Spirit of God, come among us, work within us.  
Breathe life into our worship, love into our hearts, and light into our witness.  
Cleanse us and make us new.  
Touch us and make us whole.  
Receive our worship in Jesus' name.  
**Amen**

**Holy Trinity is open every day** from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Children** from Nursery age upwards are encouraged to join Junior Church in the Trinity Room, except when there is an 'all-age' service. Parents are welcome too! There is also a children's corner at the front of church with toys, books and colouring, to be used under your own supervision. Toilets and baby change facilities are through the Trinity Room.

Our services are live streamed. Cameras are focused on those leading the service. Any images of the congregation will be distant or in passing. Please sit on the far left if you wish to remain off camera.

## Services Today

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**President** Revd Jos Perris  
**Preacher** Revd Dr Diana Stretton

**Hymns** 5, 18, 16, 9  
**NEH** 15, 14

**Junior Church** Roni

**4.30pm** Team Advent Carols  
At All Saints, Kings Langley



## This Week at Holy Trinity

**Monday 1st December**

7.30pm CA Group

**Wednesday 3rd December**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Communion

*The craft group are not meeting today*

**Thursday 4th December**

10am Toddlers & Babies Church

5.30-7pm Visit by LG Beavers

**Friday 5th December**

7pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 6th December**

10am-12 Coffee Shop

12.30-3.30pm Christmas Fair

4pm Light up a Life

## Morning services around the team

All are welcome to mid-week Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services

Tuesdays St Benedict's - 9am MP

Thursdays St Mary's - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

Fridays All Saints - 9am MP, 9.30am HC

## Sunday 7th December Second Sunday of Advent

**8.00am** BCP Communion

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Isa 11.1-10  
Rom 15.4-12  
Matt 3.1-12

# Advent Sunday

## PRAYERS

... for all the ministry team, lay and ordained

... for the sick: Eileen Adams, June Buxton, Laurence Blythe, Barbara Chapman, Greg Coulshed, Phyllis Duncan, Rich Gibbs, Kay Hawes, Linda Maynard, Rachel O, Florence Portugal, David Roberts, Pamela Sanvoisin, Alison Parkyns, Martin Meredith, Anne Ball, Sue Page, Roy Platten, Coral Driscoll, Iain and Su.

... for the departed: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed, remembering Sheila Davies and those whose anniversary falls at this time. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 30th November 4.30pm** - Team Advent Carols service at All Saints Kings Langley, featuring the combined choirs.

**Saturday 6th December 12.30pm onwards** - Christmas Fair and Light up a Life

**Sunday 14th December 10am** - All Age Communion with Toddler Church Nativity

**Sunday 21st December 6.30pm** - Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve:**

**3pm** - Crib Service. Especially suitable for young children. Dress up if you want.

**5pm** - Carols and Chill. A moment to pause with carols, calm and the Christmas story.

**11.30pm** - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day 10am** - Family Communion

**Flyers for the Christmas Fair are now available for distribution round the village. Help would be greatly appreciated!**

All that we do to support our community would not be possible without your generous donations. If you would like to support our work financially please follow the link from this QR code:



## NOTICES

**Christmas Fair - 6th Dec 12.30-3.30pm**

Next Saturday is the big day! Please bring friends and family along to support Holy Trinity. We still need items for the various stalls, Bottles, in date chocolate, jewellery (including broken gold, silver and platinum) jigsaws, modern paperbacks and quality children's toys. As time is very short, I'm happy to collect donations. Gillian 07770874744 or I'll leave my porch open this week at 65 Brickmakers Land HP3 8PA. Do also sign up to help if you are able and haven't already!

**Light up a Life - 6th December 4pm**

Gather in the churchyard after the activity of the Christmas Fair for a moment of pause. Forms to sponsor lights on the Christmas tree are available in church.

## Help with Christmas services

Christmas is a fabulous time to welcome people to our church. We are looking for people who can help to welcome, act as sidespeople, serve, and read at the various Christmas services. If you could help, even if you've not done one of those roles before, then please contact Sarah Kiesa or Diana

**Church Cleaning** You will be delighted to know that the 2026 church cleaning rota is on the board in the Trinity Room. The more people volunteer the less frequently you have to do it. Don't be shy. I'm happy to buddy up to show you the ropes. If 2 people do it, it only takes an hour and it's the church only, not the Trinity Room. Gillian 0770874744

## Team Quiet Day 7th March 2026

We are planning a Team Quiet Day exploring the Lord's Prayer on the 7th March 2026 at St Peter's Church, London Colney. The day will run from 10am-4pm, £5 per person. Pick up a flyer for full details of what is happening and how to book!