

A reading from the Letter of James

1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Mark

7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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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. www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk



Signpost

14th Sunday after Trinity - 1st September, 2024

Welcome!

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 Fifth book of Moses

Deuteronomy

4.1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Responses (Sing the responses together after the choir introduces it, and places indicated by R):



Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right; **R**
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**
- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed: but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word; **R**
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain: nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things shall never fall. **R**

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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 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 Archdeacon Johnathan Smith

Readers Rachel McDonald
Liz Machell

Intercessor Sheila Ashman

Organist Bertha Kum

Hymns 99, 127, 471, 236, 748

Duty Warden Andy Wragg

11:15 Church in the Wild

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THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 3rd September

10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning
10 - 11:30am Foodbank

Wednesday 4th September

10-11:30am Tiny Tots Stay & Play
7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 6th September

10.-11.am Bible Study (Zoom)
6.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 8th September The Birth of the Virgin Mary

9:30 Family Eucharist with renewal of Marriage Vows
12.00 Baptism - Jackson O'Neil

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

For Your Prayers

Please pray for our Ministry Team as Mother Alice gradually returns and the Vacancy at Holy Trinity is advertised.

Prayer Cycle: For all those who live in Toms Lane, all who use the Church Hall and our Volunteer Fire Service crews.

Please Pray For: Hazel Archer, Tessa Cox, Olive Darvill, Margaret Johnson, John Heal, Brigette Hease, Vivian Leger, David and Jo Lidgate, Andrew Moon, Mike Morgan, Dennis Neate, Jean Osborn, Alison Paddon Hicks, Rosemary & Steve Moore, May Parker, Sheila Peevers, Jackie Tuck, Steve Wiggins and Lauren Williamson.

NOTICES

August 100 Club winners:

1st	150	Simon Isherwood
2nd	30	Helen Young
2nd	31	Clare China
3rd	26	Rene Gardner

Sunday 8th September

9.30 Family Eucharist with Renewal of Marriage Vows. Bob & Hilary Davies will be renewing their vows during the service and you are invited to renew yours too if you wish. Widows and widowers can hold a lighted candle for their loved one if they wish. Then join them in the hall afterwards - there will be cake!

13th to 15th September - Beer & Fizz 2024

Seeking volunteers to make our 3rd Beer & Fizz Festival a success! If you want to be part of the fun helping with set up, running or clear up please let us know! There is a rota online or let the office know or email klbeerandfizz@gmail.com

Friday 27th September 7.30pm

Friends of All Saints Quiz Night. At Kings Langley Community Centre, bar available. Tickets £15 including light supper. Email foaskl@outlook.com or call 07796 131291.

Are you considering being Confirmed?

A Deanery Confirmation Course will be starting in the Autumn. Talk to James or Jos if you want to know more.

The Aumbry Light

This week the light is sponsored by Jenny Fleming in loving memory of Colin.

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.

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 food and household essentials are much appreciated. For inspiration please see needs list at <https://t.ly/VJUlr>



Pastoral Support

It is important to us to be alerted to pastoral issues at All Saints. If you or someone you know needs support, including a visit or Communion at home, please get in touch with one of the following members of the Pastoral Group: Eric Martin, Sheila Ashman, Lynne Head, Brian McAdam or Nicola Isherwood.

Do you have time/energy to spare?

Could you be a more active part of our church family?

There are a variety of opportunities to join in with the wider work of the church. Just speak to a Warden or contact the office, email or call.

Did you know?

You can hire our hall for parties, one-off events and for regular bookings? Head to the website to book <https://bit.ly/3yCo6rb>

Have you signed up to our mailing list?

Keep Up To Date with All Saints' - please follow this link <https://bit.ly/3YzhM8t>