

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [R]
7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
10 'Who is this King of glory?' ♦ 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel According to Luke

2.22-40

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!



Signpost

Candlemas - 2nd February, 2025

Welcome!

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.**

Amen.

A reading from the book of Malachi

3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦ and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. [R]
3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦ or who can rise up in his holy place?'
4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

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The church building is usually open daily for prayer 9.30am – 5pm.

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

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.

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

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Services Today

9.30am All Age Eucharist
The Venerable Dr Jonathan Smith
President

Organist Bertha Kum
Hymns 113, 358, 396, 719
Fantasia in G, BWV 572
Voluntary (excerpt) (JS Bach)

Readers Marion Miers
Intercessor Brian McAdam
Duty Warden Sheila Ashman

11.15am Church in the Wild
4.30pm Candlemas Choral Evensong



Announcement from Mother Alice
Last Sunday Mother Alice shocked us all with the announcement of her resignation as Vicar of St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's, Bennetts End. She will be leaving at the end of July.
If you wish to read the full announcement please look on the weekly email newsletter or contact the office.
Please remember Mother Alice and Coral in your prayers.

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 4th February
10 - 11.30am Foodbank in Church
10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Church

Wednesday 5th February
9am Morning Prayer
10am Tiny Tots Stay & Play
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 7th February
10.-11.am Bible Study (Zoom)
6.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 9th February
Fourth Sunday Before Lent
9:30am Family Eucharist

For Your Prayers
Please pray for our Team Ministry, especially Revd Dr Diana Stretton who is joining our team in April with responsibility at Holy Trinity.

Prayer Cycle: For all those who live in Castille Gardens, the Choir and Director of Music and those at the Kings Langley Community Library.

Please Pray For: Hazel Archer, Abbie Best, Phoebe Boyce, Tessa Cox, Olive Darvill, Margaret Johnson, Tim Groves, John Heal, Brigette Hease, Vivian Leger, David and Jo Lidgate, Andrew Moon, Mike Morgan, Jean Osborn, Alison Paddon Hicks, Rosemary & Steve Moore, May Parker, Sheila Peevers, Amelie Sherman-Morley, Jackie Tuck, Steve Wiggins and Lauren Williamson.

RIP: Rosemary Hoskin, Pamela Wells

NOTICES

Christian Aid prayers: Returning home
Thousands line the streets in Gaza to return to what is left of their homes. Alongside this, some of the hostages return to their loved ones in Israel, embraced with joy, whilst others wait for news of those still held as to when they will return home and in what condition. And in the West Bank many still live in fear of bombings and violence from settlers. For them, their home is not safe.
Please pray for all making this journey and those, like Christian Aid, working with partners on the ground to help with the resettlement and support those traumatised by what they have seen and heard.

Please consider using easyfundraising if you are shopping online! It's a really simple way to raise money for the Church through your online shopping with retailers like Argos, John Lewis, M&S, ASOS, eBay, Boden, and it's completely free! Over £20million has already been raised for good causes, please help us get our share!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaints churchkingslangley/>


Langelei Lent Course:
Weeks: 3rd March - 14th April 2025
'Women of Holy Week'

Mondays at 3.30-5pm at Jos' house in Bedmond
Tuesdays 7.30-9pm at Bennett's End Vicarage
Fridays 10-11.30 am at All Saints Church
You can mix and match venues, sign up sheet available.

Have you signed up to our mailing list?
Keep Up To Date with All Saints' - please follow this link <https://bit.ly/3YZhM8t>

The Aumbry Light
This week the Aumbry Light is dedicated to Oscar and Max as they move to their long term life and home.
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 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, especially long life milk, microwave rice/pasta, squash, deodorant and cleaners. For inspiration please see needs list at <https://t.ly/VJUlr>



Are you looking for something new to do in 2025?
There are a variety of opportunities within the church family.
Cleaning (with a friend or make a friend!)
Bell Ringing
Driving the less mobile to church
Flower Arranging
Fundraising
Gardening in the Churchyard
Reading Lessons during Service
Welcoming on a Sunday
Just speak to a Warden or contact the office.

This bulletin, with the notices, prayers and readings, is for you to take home to study at your leisure.