

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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.

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!



Signpost

Fourth Sunday before Lent - 9th February, 2025

Welcome!

The Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 Isaiah

6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'


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THANKS BE TO GOD!

Psalms 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.

Signpost 9th February, 2025


CONTACT DETAILS	
<p>Team Rector: Fr. James McDonald <i>James is on sick leave at this time.</i></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 8.30am-12.30pm. 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 Rev'd Becky Leach</p> <p>Organist Bertha Kum</p> <p>Hymns 488, 475, 604, 621, 494</p> <p>Readers John Allen Rene Gardner</p> <p>Intercessor Sheila Ashman</p> <p>Duty Warden Keith Gower</p> <p>12noon Baptism of Emily and Oscar</p>	
THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS	
<p>Tuesday 11th February</p> <p>10 - 11.30am Foodbank in Church 10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Church</p>	
<p>Wednesday 12th February</p> <p>9am Morning Prayer 10am Tiny Tots Stay & Play 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>	
<p>Friday 14th February</p> <p>10.-11.am Bible Study (Zoom) 6.30pm Choir Practice</p>	
<p>The Aumbry Light This week the Aumbry Light is sponsored by Sue Brazier in loving memory of Geoff. <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>Please pray for Alice and Coral as they prepare to move on and also for St Benedict's and St Mary's.</p>	
	
<p>Sunday 16th February Third Sunday Before Lent 9:30am Family Eucharist</p>	

Fourth Sunday before Lent

For Your Prayers	
<p>Please pray for our Team Ministry, especially Revd Dr Diana Stretton who is joining our team in April and Mother Alice who will be moving on in August.</p> <p>Prayer Cycle: For all those who live in Chantry Close, the Church in the Wild Team and those at the Community Centre.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RIP: Rosemary Hoskin, Pamela Wells, David Abraham</p>	

NOTICES	
<p>Saturday 15th February 9am - 12.30pm Village Market in church and hall.</p>	
<p>Funeral of Pamela Wells: Pam died peacefully on Friday 24th January she had not been well after a fall back in September. There is a Service of Celebration for the life of Pam here on Tuesday 18th February at 2pm. Please feel free to spread this message within the community. It would be helpful if there was an idea of numbers, please let me know and I will pass the messages on. Sue C-H.</p>	
<p>David Abraham, who was connected to the school has died. His funeral is at West Herts Crematorium on Thursday 20th February at 12.30.</p>	
<p>Friday 7th March - World Day of Prayer You are welcome to join the Kings Langley Methodist Church at 2pm</p>	

Langelei Lent Course: 3rd March-14th April	
<p>This year, we are running a Team Lent Course starting on 3rd March to 14th April. There will be 3 sessions/locations available each week. Each location will be using the same material each week over the 6 week period:</p> <p>Monday 3.30-5pm at Jos' house in Bedmond Tuesday 7.30-9pm at Alice's house, Bennetts End Friday 10-11.30am at All Saints Church, KL</p> <p>We will be using a book written by Paula Gooder called 'Women of Holy Week'. You do not have to purchase the book but can do so if you would like to. If you would like to know more, please contact: Alice, Jos or Keith/Andy at All Saints. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church.</p>	
<p>Have you signed up to our mailing list? Keep Up To Date with All Saints' - please follow this link https://bit.ly/3YZhM8t</p>	
<p>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, washing Pods or sheets & super noodles. For inspiration please see needs list at https://t.ly/VJUlr</p>	
	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>This bulletin, with the notices, prayers and readings, is for you to <u>take home</u> to study at your leisure.</p>	