

Psalms 85 8-end

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way.

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!



2nd Sunday in Advent - 10th December 2023
Welcome!

The Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Post Communion

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

*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 10th December 2023

CONTACT DETAILS

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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 12noon.

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 All Age Eucharist

President Rev'd Lizzie Hood

Preacher Father James McDonald

Readers Carolyn Andrews

Organist Bertha Kum

Hymns 26*5, 27, 75, 68*4, 160

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 12th December

10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning, Royal Chapel

10 - 12noon Foodbank, Lady Chapel

Wednesday 13th December

10-11:30am Tiny Tots Stay & Play

12:55-1:30pm Summit Club at KLSS

7.30 - 9pm Bellringing Practice

Friday 15th December

10.-11.am Bible Study (Zoom)

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 16th December

10am-1pm Village Market in Church

Saturday 16th December at 4.30pm

Carols in the Garden

Do join us if you are able for an hour's carol singing in the Village Garden. It is organised this year by Christian Aid and a collection will

Sunday 17th December 2023 Second Advent Sunday

9:30 Family Eucharist

The Aumbry Light

The Aumbry light this week is sponsored by Fr James & Rachel in memory of the Rev'd Paddy McKee. If you are interested in sponsoring the Aumbrey Light please contact Eric Martin: 01923 267604.

Second Sunday in Advent

For Your Prayers

Prayer Cycle: All Choirs, Carol Singers and Santa helpers. All Benefice clergy and readers at this busy time.

Please Pray For: Wendy Buckland, Tessa Cox, Olive Darvill, Nigel Gifford, Margaret Johnson, Brian Haynes, John Heal, Brigitte Hease, Vivian Leger, David and Jo Lidgate, Mike Morgan, Dennis Neate, Alison Paddon Hicks, Rosemary & Steve Moore, May Parker, Sheila Peevers, Jane Warner Kavanagh, Jack Mather, Jackie Tuck & Lauren Williamson.

RIP: Paddy McKee (Priest), David White and all the recently departed.

NOTICES

URGENT - Fire Stewards needed for Christmas Services

We need volunteers for our Services at 7.30pm and 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. This is a safety requirement to keep everyone safe from burning candles and be ready to direct should we need to evacuate the church. If you are coming to either of these services and are happy to keep your eyes open please volunteer to take on this important role. Contact Keith Gower (07554 997144). No previous experience is necessary, full directions will be given! Thank you.

Christmas at All Saints

Saturday 16th December
Carols in the Garden at 4.30pm

Sunday 24th December

9.30am All Age Eucharist
3.30pm Crib Service with Christingle
7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30 All Age Eucharist

Let There Be Light from 8th Dec to 6th Jan

Remember a lost loved one by sponsoring a light in our beautiful yew tree that will shine through Advent up to Epiphany. The cost is £10 per light – and includes a message on the tree in our Memorial Chapel where you compose what you would like to say.

Please ring Sheila Ashman on 07785 516690

Christian Aid prayers:

UN Climate Change conference

There are 70,000 delegates expected to attend the COP 28 climate change conference in Dubai, representing 198 countries. Important matters are under discussion, including how to hold Governments to account for their promises to keep global temperature increases to no more than 1.5°C. We are all affected by climate change but the poor in the world suffer the most from this as they are less able to deal with its consequences. Please pray that their needs will be a significant factor in the discussion and decisions and that there will be a positive outcome.

15th December - Collectors needed

Christian Aid Carol Singing In The Marlowes, Children from local schools will be singing carols throughout the day. Always a lovely occasion which raises money for Christian Aid and brings joy to passersby. Could you help by holding a bucket for an hour? If you can, please have a word with Eric, Keith or Sue C-H. Thank you.

Wednesday 20th December at 7.15pm

Talk in church by Michael Long of 'Palace Lives' fame - A Medieval Christmas. Tickets available from Brian McAdam.

Christmas Shopping? 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/>

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