

Psalm 126



When the Lord restored the for|tunes of Zion, then were we like| those who dream.
Then was our mouth was |filled with laughter and our tongue with |shouts of joy. [Response]

Then said they among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great| things for them.’
The Lord has indeed done great |things for us, and therefore |we rejoiced.
Restore again our for|tunes, O Lord, like the watercourses |in the Negeb.[Response]

May those who |sow in tears reap with |shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the |seed, for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves. [Response]

Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us. Lord, as you send rain and flowers even
to the wilderness, renew us by your Holy Spirit, help us to sow good seed in time of adversity
and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5.16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test
everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.
May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept
sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and
he will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1.6-8, 19-28 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the
light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to
the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask
him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.”
And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He
answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent
us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the
Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah,
nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you
do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.”

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!



The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom
of the just, that at your second coming to judge the
world we may be found an acceptable people in your
sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

61.1-4,8-end

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to
bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the cap-
tives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of venge-
ance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give
them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise
instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to dis-
play his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair
the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery
and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting cove-
nant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among
the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has
blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with
the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom
decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth
brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the
Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Post Communion

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for
these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his
face;
who is alive and reigns now and
for ever.
Amen.**

*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 17th December 2023

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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.

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(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 Archdeacon Jonathon Emeritus

Readers John Allen, Andrew Laing

Intercessor Sheila Ashman

Organist Bertha Kum

Hymns 46, 334, 51, 36, 394

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Tuesday 19th December

10 - 11.30am Coffee Morning, Royal Chapel

10 - 11:30am Foodbank, Lady Chapel

Wednesday 20th December

10-11:30am **NO** Tiny Tots Stay & Play
Back 10th January.

12:55- **NO** Summit Club at KLSS

1:30pm Back 10th January

7.15 pm Talk - A Medieval Christmas

Friday 21st December

10.-11.am Bible Study (Zoom)

6.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 24th December 2023 Fourth Advent Sunday

9:30 Family Eucharist

3.30pm Crib Service with Christingle

7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Christmas Eucharist
Children please bring a present

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.

Third Sunday in Advent

For Your Prayers

Prayer Cycle: We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, unable to join their families wherever they may be.

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

VERY 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. Don't be shy - contact Keith Gower (07554 997144). No previous experience is necessary, full directions will be given! Thank you.

Christian Aid charity gifts: Give a goat for Christmas!

Looking for that special gift for that special person? A leaflet is available in the church giving various options of charity gifts that can be sent to the one you love and will make a difference to those in the developing world.

Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to everyone who helped and those who visited the church last weekend. The final figures are still being calculated, but we can say that it's been a success financially – and more importantly, a success bringing villagers into the church.

Sue Brazier and Vivian Leger were the lucky winners of the 2 Christmas hampers in the raffle.

The "favourite tree" winner was Kings Langley Allotment and Gardens Association.

December 100 club winners

1st	123	Ingrid Allen
2nd=	83	Marion Miers
2nd=	138	Carolyn Andrews
3rd	113	Rosemary Moore

Wednesday 20th December at 7.15pm

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

Foodbank – Please consider donating Christmas goodies which would be very welcome for Foodbank users and some non-perishable food or household essentials to the church Foodbank each week. For inspiration please see needs list: at <https://t.ly/VJUlr>

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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