

The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 16.25-end

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1.26-38 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!



Signpost

4th Sunday in Advent -24th December 2023
Welcome!

The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

**Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised
saviour: fill us your servants with your
grace, that in all things we may embrace
your holy will and with her rejoice in your
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel 7.1-11,16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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.beneficeoflangley.org.uk*

Signpost 24th 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

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Services Today

9.30am Family Eucharist
President Father James McDonald
Readers Mark Gritten
 Andrew Laing
Intercessor Rachel McDonald
Organist Bertha Kum
Hymns 30, 334, 318*, 38, 41
3.30pm Crib Service with Christingle
7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight & with Incense

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Christmas Day
9.30am All Age Christmas Eucharist
Children please bring a present
President Father James McDonald
Organist Bertha Kum
Hymns 78*^{4,5}, 72, 61*^{3,4}, 59, 66

Tuesday 26th December
 10 - NO Coffee Morning,
 11.30am Royal Chapel
 10 - NO Foodbank, Lady Chapel
 11:30am

Wednesday 27th December
 10- **NO** Tiny Tots Stay & Play
 11:30am Back 10th January.
 12:55- **NO** Summit Club at KLSS
 1:30pm Back 10th January
 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 29th December
 10.-11.am Bible Study (Zoom)
 6.30pm NO Choir Practice

The Office will be closed Christmas Week.
 25th December - 1st January.

Sunday 31st December 2023 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:30 Team Service at All Saints

Fourth Sunday in Advent

For Your Prayers

Prayer Cycle: Help us to be kind and share with others, just like Jesus taught us. Family, Neighbours, work colleagues and all those we meet.

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: All the recently departed.

NOTICES

Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for 2024

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to All Saints this year. Many hands make light work and it is a fun way to be with people. May it continue in 2024.

Last Wednesday evening's talk on A Medieval Christmas by Michael Long was a great success and raised the impressive sum of £589.20

Thank you to all those who came to the Village Market last Saturday and joined us for refreshments. A wonderful £312 was raised. The next Village Market on 20th January 24, will once again be inside the Church and hall. Please make a note of the date. Ingrid.

The Servers would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New year. We are a small band of people and would love to have more people join the team. Please speak to John or Fr. James if you would like more information about helping.

Dates for the new Year!

Wednesday 17th January 7.30pm Men's Group, Church Hall
Thursday 18th January 7.30pm Kings Langley Local History Society Social in Church.
Wednesday 24th January 7.30pm Women's Group, Church Hall
Sunday 28th January: Candlemas
 9.30am All Age Eucharist
 2pm Come and Sing rehearsal for
 4.30pm Choral Evensong, fizz and cake

The Aumbry Light

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 by Foodbank. In date non-perishable food or household essentials are much appreciated. For inspiration please see needs list: at <https://t.ly/VJUIr>

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/allsaintschurchkingslangley/>

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>

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