

wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **Psalm 72 10-15**

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;  
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him;  
all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,  
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;  
may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2.1-12 GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

*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](http://www.beneficeoflangelei.org.uk)*



The Epiphany - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Welcome!

### **The Collect**

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son  
to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

**60.1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

**3.1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the

# Signpost 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## 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** Family Eucharist

**President** Father James McDonald

**Readers** John Allen

Mark Stannard

**Intercessor** Nicola Isherwood

**Organist** Bertha Kum

**Hymns** 103, 104\*, 105, 96, 94

**11:15** Church in the Wild

## THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

10 - Coffee Morning, Royal Chapel  
11.30am

10 - Foodbank, Lady Chapel  
11:30am

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

10- Tiny Tots Stay & Play  
11:30am

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

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

10-11.am Bible Study (Zoom)

6.30pm Choir Practice

## Looking to do something new in 2024?

There are a variety of opportunities to join in with the work of the church. - not all big jobs! Coffee after Service on Sunday, Help with Tiny Tots, Fly the Flag, Drive someone to church on Sunday, Become a Server for Eucharist, Welcome people to church, help clean our beautiful church (with a friend makes it more fun!) Do a spot of gardening in the churchyard, come make a lot of noise with the Bell Ringers.... Just ask someone!

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Second Sunday of Epiphany

9:30 Family Eucharist

# The Epiphany

## For Your Prayers

**Prayer Cycle:** All those who live in Hyde Lane, The Benefice Clergy and Readers, The Parish Council and our MP.

**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

**Wednesday 17th January 7.30pm**

Men's Group in the Church Hall

**Thursday 18th January 7.30pm**

Kings Langley Local History Society Social in Church.

**Wednesday 24th January 7.30pm**

Women's Group in the Church Hall

**Sunday 28th January: Candlemas**

9.30am All Age Eucharist

2pm Come and Sing rehearsal for

4.30pm Choral Evensong, followed by refreshments (including cake!)



## COME AND SING EVENSONG

28 JAN 2024    2PM PRACTICE  
ALL SAINTS,    4:30PM SERVICE  
KINGS LANGLEY

Followed by refreshment

Music including:  
Locus Iste (Bruckner)  
Magnificat and Nunc in Bb (Stanford)  
O thou the central orb (Wood)

Director of Music: Bertha Kum  
Organist: Keith Beinston

We are excited to welcome you regardless  
of your experience.  
To sign up email Bertha at [kum.bertha@gmail.com](mailto:kum.bertha@gmail.com)

A huge thank YOU to Sandra and the flower team for making the church look so beautiful over Christmas.

Fans of Radio 4's Gardener's Question Time might want to listen in at 3pm on Friday 12th January to hear a question from our very own Carolyn Andrews. It was recorded at Sarrett Village Hall.

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Village produce market in the church and Hall. Keep the date! Come and have a coffee.

## 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/VJUlr>

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## Have you signed up to our mailing list?

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