

Prayer for the day: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

Post Communion: Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions

For Missions and the World: This week's focus—**Livability**. Give thanks for those serving with Livability, who are the hands and feet and voice for the disabled people. Pray for protection of workers and participants in Livability's many services and programmes. Pray for the Livability Day centres, which provides social interaction for people of all ages. Pray that staff will find safe, structured and creative ways to run services, even on a limited basis during the pandemic.

In the Parish: This week's focus—we pray for **refugees, immigrants, and foreign exchange students, and the charity, Slough Refugee Support**. Pray: new arrivals to this country will find support as they experience culture shock; they will have easy access to language classes in order to communicate quickly; appropriate housing is made available to them; for friendships with local neighbours; the church is a place of encouragement, and that Christians will reach out and befriend all foreigners. <http://www.sloughrefugeesupport.org.uk/>

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First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7 Isaiah prophesies that God will subdue nations on behalf of Cyrus, his anointed; God calls Israel by name; God is the Lord and there is no other.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul gives thanks to God for those who are faithful in the labour of hope in Jesus Christ. By receiving the Word of God with joy in the midst of persecution, they give an example of faith.

Third Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 Religious leaders schemed to trap Jesus. They asked Him if it was right for Jews to pay taxes to the Roman governor. Jesus answers: "Give to Caesar what belongs to him, and give to God what belongs to God."

**Next Sunday's
Readings**

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- Nehemiah 8:1-4a, [5-6], 8-12
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Matthew 24:30-35



St. Mary's



Christ the Worker



St. Francis

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Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples. Psalm 96: 2-3

8.00 am Holy Communion at **St. Mary's**
9.30 am Morning Worship at **Christ the Worker**
11.00 am Holy Communion at **St. Francis**
with Zoom congregation
WEB: <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/3799954495>
Password: 738192
PHONE: Dial 020 8080 6591
Meeting ID: 379 995 4495# Password: 738192#

Mon—Sat 8.45 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84064885636?pwd=U1JlR2xJUDITZlEkoVvdHhQYohvUTog>
Meeting ID: 840 6488 5636 Passcode: 738192
Weds 2.00 pm Bible Study on Zoom

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LANGLEY TEAM MINISTRY
Notices & Thoughts for this Week

Prayer & Worship

• **Zooming in:** See the front page for information on how to access services and other events by web or phone. **Please note that you now need to use the password for access.**

• **Church Services:** Please contact one of the clergy (Robin for St Mary's, Shola for CTW, Sue for St Francis) if you would like to attend a service, so that we can be sure that there is space each week.

Bible Study Group: We meet at **2.00 pm each Wednesday** on Zoom (usual sign in). This week we continuing with Bishop Steven's study 'Living is Christ, Dying is Gain'. Copies can be picked up in church or requested from Revd Sue.

All Souls Memorial Service, Sunday 1st November, 6.30 pm We will be very limited for space at St Mary's this year, so we are giving priority to those for whom we have taken a funeral in the last year or two. If there are any places left, they will be offered to members of the congregation the week before. The service will also be shown on Zoom, with the usual login.

Keeping Sane I know that I keep prattling on about the autumn... and I can't stop myself, so I won't! One of the things that I enjoy less about this change of season is that the sun is setting earlier and earlier. Darkness comes far too early for my liking - as though it was up to me. Since the beginning of lockdown and whatever it is we call what we are in now, I have found that the evenings all seem to be the same and it gets a tad tedious! My days tend to have some variety of activity but the evenings, with the exception occasional meetings or a dinner, are on repeat. Early darkness is not going to help with that very much either and there is only so much Netflix one can consume.

I mentioned previously that I have been participating almost daily in Evensong at 6 pm on a gaming app from a friend's church in Reading. This has been a lovely and much needed way to end the day. I am very good at praying in the evening and during the day but must admit the prayers drop off around dinner. I have no good reason for this other than a lack of discipline. Evensong has helped me to reflect on the day just past, ask for forgiveness, listen to more bible being read and pray for the needs of those who have come to my attention during the day. I find that I can go into the evening and night with a sense of peace and refreshment. This might be too early for some people, but fear not the later prayer service of Compline is also an option. Compline is the final prayer of the day in the religious life. All the cares of the day are put to bed, and silence follows. It too is a beautiful way to end the day by praying for God's protection

through the watches of the night.

My encouragement for this week as the nights draw in and the temperature drops and if the world feels a little lonelier, try Evening Prayer or Compline. I would be happy to provide a short guide for anyone interested. The Church of England offers daily prayers here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Revd. Sue

Keeping in Touch: Please keep watching the [Parish website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for resources and current events. The October edition of Around Langley is now available, with thanks to Anna and all contributors. Copies are in church, or you can read it online here <http://langleymarish.com/around-langley/>

Love In A Box: This year's scheme will go ahead. Instructions for filling and a list of recommended items to include visit: <https://www.msrm.org.uk/how.html#put> If you need a box wrapped or need an already wrapped box, please contact JEANNE RODDICK on (01753)528203. If you need a filled box picked up, contact CHRISTINE BEYNON on (01753)541732. The deadline for the boxes is *Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.*

Church Giving: Many thanks to everyone who is continuing to give to the church. If you give by envelopes and you are coming to a church service, please bring them with you. If you would like us to collect envelopes from you, we can do that too. To make a payment direct to the parish account, the details are as follows:

Name: Langley PCC Sort Code: 60-19-28 Account No.: 10121366.

You can also give online: <http://langleymarish.com/giving-to-the-parish-of-langley/>

Wanted/Needed: A Windows 10 laptop to run the Zoom service at St Francis. We currently use Sue's or Robin's but we will need to find an alternative. Please contact Joy Raynor if you can help joyraynor@aol.com

Wanted: Lightweight walker (with 2 wheels, not 4). Please contact Sheila Schmidt on 585647.

Free to collect: Child's wooden high chair. Call Gill Piggott on 525227

Keeping Fit: Autumn is a great time to take a walk, enjoy the colours, the nicer temperatures and find conkers! Wanting to lose some weight, try a walking challenge. There are plenty of options on google, by you can try this one: <http://healthandstyle.com/fitness/how-to-lose-weight-walking/>

