

★ THANK YOU!

To Everyone who supported and contributed
to the Christmas Fayre

★ From Sam and the Social Committee

KEEP THE
DATE!

Parish Away Day on Saturday 25/02/23
at Bridgettine Convent, Iver

SAT
25 FEB

Times to be confirmed but likely to be
10 am - 3 pm

 **Mulled Wine and Mince Pies**
at the Rectory on
Wednesday 21st December
from 2-4pm
Please put your name on the sign up sheets

Fair Trade Dates	Location	Diana Iller
27 November 2022	St Francis	Christmas Orders
11 December 2022	St Mary	
20 November 2022	St Francis	

Other Local Events

6/12/22	Tue	Coffee Shop Christmas Lunch
7/12/22	Wed	Langley Grammar School Carol Concert at St Mary's at 7.00 pm
8/12/22	Thu	Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch
17/12/22	Sat	Slough Phil Christmas Concert at St Bernard's School SL3 7AF at 7.30 pm Tickets via sloughphil.org or Phone 0300 365 7445

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Office Hours	Tuesdays 2:00—5:00 pm and Fridays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm	

St Mary's
CHRISTMAS COMPETITION
Based on one of Chris'
favourite Carols
**ONCE IN
ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

See leaflets in Church
TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- 1] Write a new verse
- 2] Illustration

DEADLINE

Submitted to Sam and/or
left in Church by 8pm
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

Winning Entries Announced
during the Crib Service.
Winning verse will be sung
in Church over the
Christmas Season

**DECEMBER
AROUND
LANGLEY
MAGAZINE
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Langley Marish Team Ministry

St Mary the Virgin

St Francis

Christ the Worker

ADVENT



Welcome to this service, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.
At a Communion service, everyone is welcome to receive communion, the bread and the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar rail carrying a service book.

Sunday 4 December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Francis
11.00 am	Service of the Word	Christ the Worker
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary
4.00 pm	Christingle	St Mary

Services and Events this week

Mon to Sat	8.45 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Mon 5	2.00 pm	Bible Study	Christ the Worker
Tues 6	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Mary
Wed 7	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Francis
Wed 7	2.00 pm	Bible Study, will be taking a short break from this regular time slot and resume on 11/01/23	Zoom
Fri 9	10.00 am	Little Flowers Christmas Party NB by Invitation	St Francis
Fri 9	7:00 pm	Junior Choir Practice	St Mary
Fri 9	8.00 pm	Adult Choir practice	St Mary

Forthcoming Services and Events

11/12/22	Sun	6.30 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Christ the Worker
16/12/22	Fri	10.00 am	Christingle	St Francis
18/12/22	Sun	3.00 pm	Coffee and Carols	St Francis
20/12/22	Tue	3.00 pm	Carol Singing. Everyone welcome to join this 1 hour event Coordination via Bill Birmingham	Langley Haven Dementia Care Home SL3 7RR

Full List of
Christmas Services

Available at <http://langleymarish.com/>

Also the Langley Churches
Christmas Cards in Church

Zoom Sign-In Options

WEB: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/5871259212?pwd=RnFabUV4bEx2OHBYTm5yZXINT3I2QT09>
Phone: 020 8080 6591 Meeting ID: 587 125 9212# Passcode: 738192#

4 December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall

lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

New Testament Reading

Romans 15: 4 - 13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 1 - 12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We

have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Isaiah 35: 1- 10

New Testament James 5: 7- 10

Gospel Reading Matthew 11: 2 - 11