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*Best wishes for Christmas and the
New Year
from the Editors of Around Langley*

Warm Welcome - hot food.

Here at Langley Free Church we understand that lots of people will be struggling even more this winter with energy, food and the general cost of living.



As part of the national "Warm Welcome" campaign and other local initiatives in Slough, we want to offer our neighbours as much support as we can. **Starting 28th November, every Tuesday, all are welcome to come along from 5pm until 7pm:** hot food will be available after 5.30pm. We will be open for all ages to come and take advantage of (free) hot food in a safe place, with refreshments and games available, to chat with others or just to relax. Those under 16 must bring an adult with them.

If you would like to come along there is no need to book, just come along. Any questions please call or text the office on 07770 074812

Pax in Terra ...

As I consider another December editorial, the imagery of darkness and light seems to me more hauntingly vivid than ever. We have lived through the Covid19 pandemic and lockdown and watched incredulously as Russia invaded Ukraine, in the past four years. We, in this country, haven't been the people who suffered their consequences most, but we have not been immune either from the economic fallout from both. r.

Then the world was shaken by terrible atrocity that Hamas visited on Israeli citizens on October 7th. Reprisal by the Israeli government on Gaza was predictable, but the vicious, disproportionate attacks, killing so many Palestinian civilians (currently over 12,000) is heartbreaking news. And the possibility of other countries getting involved in the conflict is a serious threat to world peace.

If world politics wasn't gloomy enough, we have frequent reminders of climate change in our news. Even in the relatively temperate countries like ours, the aftermath of storms Ciarán and Debi in November, makes us reflect on what many areas in the rest of the world suffer, without any of the resources we can count on.

How do we cope with the darkness that we feel encircles us? Those with a faith are bound to find that their 'hopes and fears' are held together by God in his hands. And in this season, Christians remember the song of the angels at the birth of Jesus: *et in terra pax hominibus bonnae voluntatis* (peace on earth and goodwill to men). Let us pray for God's peace with us, and let us become little lights in the darkness: people of goodwill, helping and loving our neighbours – even our global neighbours

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Anna Thomas-Betts

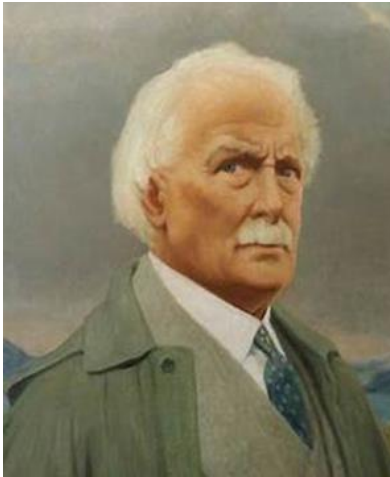


News from Around Langley

Langley Community Coffee Shop



The topic of our latest talk, presented by Richard Emerson, was the painter Vincent Evans, who was a Welsh miner who went on to study at Swansea School of Art. He later moved to Slough and became art master at Slough Grammar School.



In October a verger from St George's Chapel, Vanessa Please, gave a talk of her work at St George's Chapel and of the many ceremonies she had attended there including the lying in State of the Queen in 2022 after her death.

So we try to have a varied list of topics of interest for which we have a speaker once a month. Our weekly exercises conducted by Sam have continued to be a source of enjoyment and help in maintaining muscle

tone and balance.

In December we will have our Christmas Lunch at Wexham Park Golf Club to look forward to. This is usually a fun occasion with good food and company. So, with our monthly speakers, weekly exercises and Outings, we try to provide an enjoyable experience for people who come.

We will close for the Christmas Break from 19th December until 9th January, but will look forward to meeting up with everyone in the New Year. At least meetings in the cold days of winter give us something to look forward to. Everyone is welcome and we meet once a week on Tuesdays at the back of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Trelawney Avenue, SL3 7UD. Contact me for further information on 07859 750 508.

Sheila Papali



Volunteer Trustees Needed

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Trisha Young,
CEO, Slough Crossroad

Prayer – the Language of God and of the Soul

I find praying difficult, I always have. Whilst I have a reasonable daily rhythm of prayer in place, it is still, at times, hard to pray. Everything gets in the way: hanging up the washing, cooking, my mobile phone, work... the list goes on. It is hard to pray amid so many distractions. The irony is that praying, even when it is difficult, or life is painful, brings great joy.

Prayer is more than presenting God with a 'shopping list' of requests for him to deal with. Certainly intercessory prayer is essential; but at its heart, prayer is a longing to dwell in God's presence. Jesus died in our place so that we may know the fullness of God's presence, that we may know that the Father's heart is open and full of love. A heart that welcomes and beckons everyone and anyone to know him. No one is excluded, anyone can pray.

The English word 'pray' comes from the

Latin word 'precarius,' we pray because life is precarious. At school I had a good friend who was by his own definition a 'militant atheist,' but even he admitted that on occasion he prayed. He never told me 'who' he prayed to, or what about; I suspect he felt vulnerable.

Praying is found across all faith traditions: praying is a profoundly human instinct and is rooted in our creation in God's image, we are created to relate to our Creator. Prayer is an expression of longing for meaning in our confusing and broken world.

In the Old Testament, Moses asked the God who spoke to him from the 'burning bush' what his name was; the answer was 'I am' or Yahweh, sometimes when the Hebrew is translated you will see the word LORD written, as the actual word is difficult to pronounce or translate. The name of God in Hebrew is made up of four



letters 'Yod Hay Vav Hay' or YHWH. It is possible that these letters take the place of vowels or breaths in Hebrew. Does that mean that the name of God is the sound of breathing? When we are anxious or nervous, we take more breaths... or do we repeat the name of God more often? When a baby is born and takes their first breath, do they start saying the name of God? When we die and take our final breath, we stop saying the name of God.

I find this idea that every breath we take is a cry to God, calling out his name, longing to be in his presence; to be very helpful: my faltering prayer life is not without hope.

Whether we know it or not, whether we believe in God or not; every breath is an offering of prayer calling out God's name consecrating each and every moment in the holiness of God.

Rev. Chris Ferris

Purity of Heart

*Once all was peaceful and pure,
but then duality and impurity came into our world.*

*Life's energy was transformed from pure to impure, from light to dark.
The Five Pillars* of human flourishing were challenged by their impure counterparts:*

peace and anger;

love and lust;

benevolence and greed;

independence and attachment;

self-respect and false ego.

Purity is so precious, so rare, so powerful that we have to die alive for it.

We must destroy the impure self, the character weakness.

We must love purity so much that it can set us free.

Relationships based on falsehood are like houses built with their foundations in mud,

*but purity is a mighty force that can extinguish fires of passion, anger,
and vice.*

Our eyes are windows to the soul through which both our purities and impurities are revealed. Let pure, cool love glow through them.

Let purity of soul bring us closer to God.

Sukhvinder Kaur

*(*The Five Pillars are fundamental to the Sikh way of living.)*

Becoming a Local Councillor in Langley

Picture the scene, if you will, the excitement of the count the morning after the local elections, candidates looking anxious as their futures hung in the balance, piles of ballot papers growing ever higher and a mounting sense of anticipation... Just one problem, I had to picture it in my mind too as I was at work. A quick glance at the website at break time showed me many established councillors losing their seats, then the Leader of the Council. There seemed no prospect of me, a virtual unknown, bucking the trend in Langley Foxborough ward. Then the result came through, I had been elected and my first thought was that, most importantly, I had to ensure that I didn't let down the people who had elected me.

There was a great deal to learn in the first few weeks. The financial situation of Slough, often referred to as "bankrupt" in the press, means that the council is obliged to continue providing essential services but that it will be some years before there is money again for infrastructure projects such as new swimming pools or leisure centres. In essence, Slough, in common with a growing number of councils, received insufficient funding from central government, funded more like a rural market town than an area which shares many social realities with an outer London borough. When interest rates were cheap, the council invested in property in the

hope of generating both income and capital growth to make good the funding shortfall but when interest rates rose, these investments needed to be disposed of. Ultimately, it is likely that Slough will survive as an authority, many councils will not be so fortunate and ill matched mergers between authorities are likely to be a feature of local government for a time.

As Slough is in no overall control, with no one party having a majority, political ideology has a very limited role to play and a big surprise was the extent to which the parties are prepared to work together for the benefit of the people of Slough. Journalists will make much of political differences but these will be only a small part of the story. I find myself embarrassed however, when full council meetings can degenerate into schoolboy heckling and points scoring. I know that many people will ask why party politics needs to play a part in local government. To me, party politics allow the voters to see what they are getting with a particular candidate and party support can be invaluable at election times. Membership of a political party has however led to a couple of firsts for me; I did not ever expect to find myself on a picket line [handing out leaflets outside Slough station against ticket office closures] nor yet attending a vigil for peace in the Middle East and standing next to a Palestinian flag. A good councillor however looks not just at their own rigid ideas but also at the priorities of the people they represent.

My overwhelming sense of my first few months as a councillor however has been the opportunity to help individual people in Langley and I would estimate that I have generated over one hundred separate pieces of casework already. Some of it is the straightforward, like helping people whose bins haven't been emptied, and others are a stark reminder of the extreme contrasts in our area, with the comparatively rich living alongside people in desperate poverty. To me, whoever is in power, we will not live in a just society until no child goes to school hungry or comes home and doesn't even have a bed to sleep in.

Whilst primarily the councillor for Langley Foxborough, I am, of course, happy to help anyone in Langley. I am best contacted by email using mark.instone@slough.gov.uk and can also be contacted on 07835 138856

Langley Foxborough council surgeries are also between 16.30 and 18.00 on the last Sunday of every month at the Langley Pavilion in Langley Road.

Overall, my ambitions for the next four years are limited to wanting to have done my best to help the people of Langley and to ensure that Langley has a strong voice on the council so that its distinct identity as a community continues to be recognised and that it is not marginalised in policies emanating from council employees who fail to recognise its separate identity. I remain very proud

of Langley and Slough and that is why I continue to live here. It is still a great place to live, despite occasional problems, but needs our support and our positive thinking to build an even better community.

Mark Instone

Why I love living in Langley (my new Spiritual Home)

Finding a Catholic parish community was not at the top of my list when I arrived in the UK in 2019. Finding work and a place for my family was a more pressing priority. It was not because I valued finding a parish community less, but that I was confident that I would find one eventually.

I was surprised to discover that the Catholic Church in the UK was not as prominent as it is in my home country of Zimbabwe. It was heartening, however, to discover that the Catholic Church in the UK is very much a church of immigrants. When I eventually connected with my local parish in Langley, Slough, I immediately felt at home among fellow immigrants. There is a warm "rainbow nation" feel at Holy Family.

The disruption of Covid19 sparked off the digital disruption. I had always been loath to the idea of attending mass online. The idea of substituting

going to church in person with watching the mass online had been revolting to me personally. But my perception of attending mass online, aided by the spiritual communion as described by St Alphonsus, totally changed during the lockdown.

My new parish in the UK, Holy Family in Langley, did a sterling job to broadcast the mass and to support the faithful to continue to commune with God and with each other spiritually while house bound. A virtual community of body of Christ developed and gathered around the broadcast Sunday masses, and sustained the faith during the long dark months of the lockdown. When the lockdown ended, returning to church physically was made much easier by the communion that was sustained virtually and spiritually.

At the end of the lockdown I felt that I was still a new arrival in the country.. I had lived for two years in the little safe bubble consisting of my wife, children and I, not interacting at all with the great British social institutions such as pubs, restaurants and football stadia. Our social

and cultural integration in our new home country was placed on pause for nearly two years.

On the spiritual front, however, I feel that much growth and transformation took place during the lockdown. Then the hard work of making my local parish my new spiritual home began for me in earnest at the end of lockdown. The town of Slough is considered the second most diverse in the UK, after Birmingham. Holy Family parish in Slough captures this population diversity and the masses are a mirror image of the United Nations, not only in diversity but inclusion as well.

When one migrates to another country to look for a better life, issues of faith can easily be put on the back burner. The struggle to find a new home and a new life in a foreign country is real and can lead to the loss of faith, and indeed human dignity. To find a local parish community where one feels welcome, accepted, able to participate, included and loved, as I did, is a dream come true for many an immigrant.

William Guri

Calling all readers of *Around Langley*

Do you enjoy reading Around Langley? Are you interested in joining the new Editorial Team about to be set up? If you would like to contribute to reviews of past issues and share ideas for the future of the magazine, please contact Tony Randall or Anna Thomas-Betts for further information. (Contact details on page 2)

Regular Weekly Service Times



***Special Services for Christmas
are listed on page 18***



Holy Family (Roman Catholic) (Trelawney Avenue)

We will be having Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 9.30am and 11.30am on Sundays

The 9.30am Mass is live streamed on our YouTube Channel:
"HOLYFAMILYCHURCHLIVE"

Langley Free Church (Baptist) (Trelawney Avenue)

Please note that there will be services on all Sundays at 10.30am.
Communion will be as pre-Covid with no restrictions.

Now that the church is without a minister, services will continue to be led by members of the congregation. Speakers will be drawn from within the church and from outside, including representatives of Christian charities and missionary organisations.

Communion will be taken on the second Sunday in the month,
10th December and 8th January.

The Anglican Churches

St Mary (St Mary's Road)

8am Holy Communion (BCP, said)

11am Family Communion

Christ the Worker (Parlaunt Road)

9.30am Holy Communion on Second and Fourth Sundays

11am Service of the Word on First, Third and Fifth Sundays

St Francis of Assisi (London Road)

All Sunday Services start at 9.30am (unless specified otherwise)

Holy Communion First, Second and Third Sundays,
Service of the Word (all-age) Fourth Sunday,
Fifth Sunday, no fixed format

Regular Activities at Langley Churches

Bible Study

On Zoom Wednesday afternoons, 2pm
(Contact: diana.iller@gmail.com)

Langley Free Church: Thursdays 7.30pm at church and mornings at a house.
(Contact secretary@langleyfree.org.uk or phone 01753 540771)

Christ the Worker: Mondays, 2pm (Contact: Shola aoko <shola_aoko@yahoo.co.uk>)

'MONDAYS' at LFC

If it's company you're after, why not join us at Langley Free Church on a Monday for a cuppa—any time between 11am and 2pm. Come for an hour or two, or stay for longer. Please bring your own lunch with you. There will be a Fish and Chips option on the first Monday of the month. Entry charge: £2.

Oasis at Langley Free

Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm
Midweek Fellowship and occasional guest speakers.

Contact: Ann Portsmouth 01753 585845

Christ the Worker and Shamrocks Friendship Club



Every Monday at the Shamrocks pub, 10am—noon, 12 Parlaunt Road, Langley, SL3 8BB. Tea, Coffee, useful information from guest speakers and more... Everyone welcome.

Messy Church

There will be a messy Church at Langley Free Church on 14th January, including a meal, 4 to 6pm



Craft Afternoons 2024 at LFC 12—4pm

Bring your hobby along and join us on the 3rd Saturday of every month, but NOT IN DECEMBER. Next meeting 20th January.

Contact Chris on 07789 838 500.
(Suggested donation £2 towards refreshments)

REFRESH! at St Francis

Members; Christmas Party:

21st December 1.30—3pm

Normally third Thursday of every month

Join us for tea and cake and fellowship with a talk or maybe a quiz or even a surprise activity! A warm welcome awaits you!

Faith Matters

Faith

"Take the veil away from my eyes, Lord" (Ps 119: 18)

The word *Amen*, with which we are so familiar, and which is used also in Judaism and in Islam, has its root in the Hebrew word '*mn*' which connotes the firmness or constancy of Jahweh who can be relied on to keep his covenant promises. Saying *Amen* at the end of each prayer, whether individually or in community, is an affirmation that we totally agree with what is being addressed to God on our behalf. Jesus himself uses this word to emphasize what he is about to tell his listeners: "Amen, Amen I say to you." The Book of Revelation (3:14). describes Jesus as the *Amen*, the trustworthy and true witness, the beginning of God's creation" God the Father tells the listeners of Jesus: "This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to Him." (Mt 17:5) .

Faith in God, 'listening' to his Word is a gift which we are invited to gratefully accept. God himself is both the giver and the gift and we cannot please him without accepting this unique gift. It is God himself who instils in us the

desire to know him and to accept his offer. God created us solely for this purpose and our heart is restless until we rest in Him. All the choices we are called upon to make in our life, as St Ignatius of Loyola teaches, should be guided by what he calls 'the principle and foundation'. Briefly put, this means that we should make all our choices according to whether they help or hinder us from attaining the end for which God created us. We have no other reason to live. It is faith that enables us to courageously face and accept all the trials of our life until finally we accept our death which lifts the veil from our eyes and lets us 'enter and see the face of God' . To help us walk safely along this way God gave us a unique model and guide. It is himself becoming man – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary.



Jesus asks Peter to have faith as he tries to walk on water, but begins to sink

The faith our parents asked for on our behalf at baptism through the Church, is actually our side of the covenant initiated by God himself, an invitation to a lasting communion with him. As our parents nourished our bodies and saw it grow, so have our parents nourished our faith at home speaking English, Malayalam or Polish. But they have nourished our faith most of all by the way they lived. At the heart of this upbringing was their love of God and of each other as well as of our neighbour. And lest we forget, all of us Christians, Catholics, Anglicans, Baptists and all other Christians are rooted in **one common baptism**, this sacrament of faith, which orients us all to the Church's mission. This faith is incomplete unless it leads to active love. St Paul writing to the Corinthians tells them: "I may have faith strong enough to move mountains: but if I have no love, I am nothing". Faith grows when we listen more and more carefully to God's Word and enter a lively exchange with him in prayer. Faith gives us even now a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Faith in God pervades the whole of the Bible starting with Abraham who is the man of faith *par excellence*. Faith in Jesus pervades the whole of the New Testament illustrating the need, the quality and the extent of faith Jesus asks of us. The words of Jesus about those who believe amaze us and even surprise us. Yes, he met people who refused to believe his message and ended up killing him. The whole history of the church is

full of such people, people who persecuted Christians as they still do to this day more than ever before. But Jesus also met people who recognised who he was. Such was the Samaritan woman, a non-Jewish person whose name we don't know. Such also was the Roman centurion whose faith even surprised Jesus.

For many, faith is something they struggle with. "Lord I have faith, help my lack of faith" (Mk 9: 24). This is a statement of faith and an admission that our faith is imperfect. But then Jesus says astounding words about the power of faith. "If your faith is the size of a mustard seed you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you." (Mt 7:20).

My favourite scripture reading at Morning Prayer is from St Paul's letter to the Galatians (2:19b-20):: "With Christ I hang upon the cross, and yet I am alive; or rather, not I; it is Christ that lives in me. True, I am living here and now this mortal life, but my real life is the faith I have in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me".

I love the words of Pope Francis: "Let us rediscover the joy of believing, of quenching this thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life."

Alfred Agius

"Who do you think you are?" – Genealogy of Jesus

Most of us will be familiar with the popular television programme, "Who do you think you are?", that explores the lineage of 'celebrities'. Indeed the popularity of genealogy in general has increased hugely during the pandemic, with churches receiving many an enquiry about ancient graves and registers.

But what if there are no grave stones, or paper records to refer to? In the absence of records, tracing ancestries over thousands of years would be quite a feat.

As we approach Christmas, it might be interesting to consider 'where Jesus came from'. It is the first 17 verses of Matthew's gospel (Ch 1) that we need to turn to. This is a passage hardly ever read out aloud in church, although it is set in the lectionary, and it gives us the genealogy of Jesus. Indeed the first words of the gospel states that.

1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob...

This list goes on for 14 generations and in v.6 we have

6 and Jesse [was] the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife.

Fourteen further generations take us to Verse 11.

11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. (Then it goes on.) 12 After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,... culminating in

16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Matthew himself summarises this passage saying:

17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

If you read all 16 verses, you will recognise many of the names, but not all, I suspect.

Matthew's gospel is well known as intentionally addressing the Jews, to establish the credentials of Jesus as the promised Messiah, a direct descendant of both Abraham and King David, and therefore entitled to be a King himself. So we find peppered throughout his gospel, much more than in other gospels, many references to the Old Testament (or Hebrew scriptures) and how Jesus fulfilled many of the Messianic prophecies.

There are many fascinating theories about the numbers involved: why split it into 14 generations in each section? It is said that 14 represents the number values of the consonants in the name David stressing the importance of David in the story of Jesus. Before Arabic or Roman numerals were widely used, this was a way of representing numbers. Such was Matthew's eagerness to emphasise the importance of David and the number 14 representing him, that he divided up the lineage based on three important historical events, even though he had to omit a generation or two in his listing!

A fascinating feature of this list is the five women who are mentioned. It is interesting that they are mentioned at all, but we would end up rolling our eyes if remember their stories. In the first section of 14 names, we have Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba (who 'had been the wife of Uriah' it says explicitly) and then in the final section Mary, 'whose

husband was Joseph'.

All five women were of dubious reputation in their time: Rahab is described as a prostitute while we know Tamar and Ruth had seduced the men who would become their husbands in order to get them to marry them. As for David and Bathsheba, it was not only adultery and sexual immorality that was involved, but murder. Mary, mother of Jesus, is a saint for us, but at the time, we have Joseph himself worrying about the reputation of his young, unmarried pregnant fiancée.

The most striking point about the women listed is that their stories represent the heart of the Gospel. They were chosen to raise families through whom God would bring about redemption for the world. It shows that God works through messy human situations, including sexual relationships, to work out his purpose. Also that God's judgement may be different from that of the world.

Matthew shows that Jesus is the direct descendant of both Abraham and David, establishing that he has a legitimate right to sit on Israel's throne. He need not have listed the women, blatant sinners, or evil kings, the way he does here. He chooses to, because the point of his Gospel is that Jesus has come to save God's people from their sins.

Anna Thomas-Betts

Adam

Abraham

David

Jesus

A NEW CAROL

*Sing for joy, A baby boy in Mary's lap is sleeping
Come and see, Oh come and see,
Heaven and earth are meeting.*

*Angels sing, a message bring, as shepherds watch are keeping
Come and see, Oh come and see, God's own son is sleeping.*

*Men from afar have seen a star, and a king are seeking
Come and see, Oh come and see, The king of love is sleeping.*

*Oh holy night! This tiny mite, God's gift to us is sleeping
Come and see, Oh come and see, God and man are meeting.*

Jeanne Roddick

WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

(18 –25 January, 2024)

This time the chosen theme for Christian Unity Week is **'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'** (Lk 10:27), with the strapline **Go and Do Likewise**. Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections.

They invite us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. We may be less vulnerable



to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory or the threat of serious violence in our community.

The resources for the week for the UK are provided by Churches together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) and are available on their website.

Another Puzzle from Angus Mackenzie



**MULTIPLE
CHOICE**

CHRISTMAS

QUIZ



Father Christmas Reindeers.

From this list, which one/s
shares a name/s with
meteorological terms?



Which **country** was the
first to adopt the tradition
of the Christmas Tree?

Austria

Germany

Lichtenstein

Switzerland



In 1847 Tom Smith
invented which Christmas item?



**Christmas
Cards**



Christmas Crackers



**Christmas
Tree Lights**



Christmas Banned in the UK!

What year did this happen and for how long?



"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

According to the English Carol,
"your true love" would receive a
total of how many gifts?



The first ever
King's Christmas message
was broadcast in 1932 by George V.
Which famous author wrote it?

Agatha Christie

Lewis Carroll

Rudyard Kipling

Evelyn Waugh

Answers
1. Blitzen and Donner (German for Thunder and Lightning); 2. 1647 for 20 years; 3. Germany; 4. 364; 5. Christmas Crackers; 6. Rudyard Kipling



Christmas Services (December)



Holy Family Church

FRIDAY, 15th Individual Confessions 6pm - 8pm

SATURDAY, 16th Individual Confessions 10am - 12 noon

TUESDAY, 19th (2pm and 8pm) Christmas Reconciliation Services

SATURDAY, 23rd Mass at 5pm

SUNDAY, 24th Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am

SUNDAY, 24th Christmas Masses at 5pm, 7.30pm and 10pm (with carols before)

MONDAY, 25th Masses at 8.30am and 10am

Langley Free Church

SATURDAY 16th Carols by Candlelight at 6pm followed by light refreshments



MONDAY 25th Christmas Service at 10.30am

St Francis

FRIDAY 15th Christingle 10am

SUNDAY 17th Coffee and Carols 3pm

MONDAY 25th Holy Communion 10am

Christ the Worker

SUNDAY 10th Nine Lessons and Carols, including Crib service

MONDAY 25th Holy Communion 9.15am

SUNDAY 31st Holy Communion 10am

St Mary

SUNDAY 24th Holy Communion 8am and 11am

SUNDAY 24th Crib Service 4pm

SUNDAY 24th Carol Service 7pm

SUNDAY 24th Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm

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