



Thank you to everyone who supported the St Mary's Christmas Fayre last Saturday - by donating, running a stall, have a sign in their front garden or by attending.

We made an amazing **£1400**.

This is our only fundraising event so this really makes a difference. Thank you!



The next **Bishop of Buckingham** will be the **Revd Canon Dave Bull**.



His nomination was announced by His Majesty The King on 27 November. Dave will be consecrated at a special service in spring next year. Dave was ordained in 2008. Prior to ordination he worked for a charity and a church in London and for Unilever. He studied law at Oxford, and theology at Wycliffe Hall, and is currently studying for a Masters in the Theology of Ministry and Mission. Having served his curacy in the Diocese of Southwark, until this appointment Dave was the Team Rector of the 4U Team in Marlow, where he was appointed in 2012, Area Dean of Wycombe Deanery, an Honorary Canon at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and was Chaplain to the 2012 London Olympics. He is married to Helen, with whom he has three children, and enjoys sailing and mountain biking.

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024
from the Langley Marish Team Ministry

<p>St Mary Advent Sunday 1st December 4.00 pm Christingle 7.30 pm Advent Carol Service</p> <p>Christmas Eve 4.00 pm Crib Service 7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist</p> <p>Christmas Day 10.00 am Eucharist</p> <p>New Year's Eve 11.30 pm Vigil Service</p>	<p>Christ the Worker Sunday 8th December 6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols</p> <p>Christmas Day 9.15 am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Francis Sunday 15th December 3.00 pm Coffee and Carols</p> <p>Christmas Day 10.00 am Holy Communion</p>
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Double sided postcards with our Christmas Services are now available in churches. Please take your copy home along with a few extra to share with friends, neighbours, shops and public noticeboards! Thank you!



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Langley Marish Team Ministry

St Mary the Virgin St Francis Christ the Worker

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 1 December 2024 1st 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 Intergen St Mary
	4.00 pm Christingle Service St Mary
	6.30 pm Advent Carol Service St Mary
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Week Diary	Mon - Sat 8.45 am Morning Prayer Zoom
Monday	2/12/24 10.00 am - noon Shamrocks Friendship Club Shamrocks Pub 12 Parlaunt Road
	1.00 pm Bible Study (NB No Bible Study 9/12/24) Christ the Worker
Tuesday	3/12/24 2.00 pm Needles and A Yarn Christ the Worker
	2.30 pm Prayer for Healing and Wholeness Zoom
	7.30 pm Langley Grammar School Carol Service St Mary
	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (postponed) St Mary
Wednesday	4/12/24 10.00 am Holy Communion St Francis
	2.00 pm Bible Study Zoom
	6.00 pm Langley Hall Primary Academy Switching of Christmas Lights Harrow Market Langley
Thursday	5/12/24 1.00 pm Funeral of Roy Hurst Slough Crematorium
Friday	6/12/24 7.00 pm Junior Choir St Mary
	8.00 pm Adult Choir St Mary
	8.00 pm StM Christmas Competition Deadline! St Mary
Saturday	7/12/24 10.00 am Christmas Cracker Langley Free
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Future Events	
Sunday	8/12/24 6.30 pm Christmas Meal after StM 11.00 am Christ the Worker
Sunday	15/12/24 3.00 pm Carols and Coffee St Francis
Wednesday	8/01/24 7.30 pm PCC Meeting TBC

1 December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel

Luke 21. 25 - 36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your

heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

○ Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas CRACKER
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SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024
LANGLEY FREE CHURCH
TRELAWNEY AVENUE
10.00 AM TO 3.30 PM
PER PERSON £5
2 COURSE CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH INCLUDED
TEA, COFFEE AND CHAT
JUST RELAX WITH FRIENDS
FOR THE OVER 60's
LOTS TO DO!
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CHRIS 0777 007 4812
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PARISH VACANCY

PCC Secretary

The Parish is looking for a PCC Secretary. Approximately 4 to 8 evening meetings annually. Please speak with **Chris, Anna or Joy** for more information.

Also additional information from Diocese of Oxford;

www.oxford.anglican.org/parish-support/guidance/pcc-secretaries/



DON'T FORGET
Parish Donations

Next Week 8 December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading	Malachi 3. 1 - 4
Second Reading	Philippians 1. 3 - 11
Gospel Reading	Luke 3. 1 - 6



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