

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

St Mary Junior Choir

Rehearsal Dates
Fridays 7.00 pm

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| 6 | March |
| 13 | March |
| 20 | March |
| 27 | March |

For Services Sunday 11.00 am

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| 15 | March |
| Mothering Sunday | |
| 5 | April |
| Easter Sunday | |

LANGLEY MARISH YOUTH GROUP

Saturdays
3.15 pm - 5.00 pm

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| 14 | March (Away Day) |
| 25 | April |
| 16 | May |
| 20 | June |
| 18 | July |

August Break

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| 12 | September |
| 10 | October |
| 21 | November |
| 12 | December |

ST MARY LANGLEY SUNDAY CLUB INVITATION
COME AND JOIN US BUILD AN EASTER GARDEN

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 10.00 AM ST MARY

PLEASE BRING SMALL FLOWERS & SEEDS

HOT DRINKS WILL BE SERVED

Younger children will need to be accompanied by an adult!

Join in adventure activities, play games, make friends and learn more about God together at

Adventure Plus, Clanfield
OX18 2SN, Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July 2026.

Perfect for secondary school-aged young people in youth groups, big or small and individuals.

See the **Rector** for more information.

Save the Children Concert

Saturday
9th May at 6.30 pm
St Mary the Virgin SL3 7EN

TICKETS ON THE DOOR **£10**

Raffle and Refreshments

Charity Name: The Save the Children Fund
Registered Charity Number: 113893
Registered Office: 10, York Way, London, EC1Y 4AL, UK

Langley Marish News Sheet



St Mary the Virgin St Francis of Assisi 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 8 March 2026 | Lent 3

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| CF | 8.00 am | Eucharist | St Mary |
| DR | 9.30 am | Service of the Word | St Francis |
| CF | 9.30 am | Eucharist | Christ the Worker |
| AM | 11.00 am | Eucharist and Sunday Club | St Mary (St Mary Centre) |

This Week

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| Monday - Saturday | | 8.45 am | Morning Prayer | Zoom |
| MAR | Monday 9 | 10.00 am to noon | Shamrocks Friendship Club | Shamrocks Pub 12 Parlaunt Road |
| | Tuesday 10 | 1.00 pm | Bible Study Lent Group | Christ the Worker |
| | | 10.00 am | Langley Community Coffee Shop | St Joseph Hall Holy Family |
| | | 2.00 pm | Needles and A Yarn | Christ the Worker Side Hall |
| | | 7.30 pm | Bell Ringing Practice | St Mary |
| | Wednesday 11 | 10.00 am | Eucharist & Lent Group | St Francis |
| | | 8.00 pm | Safeguarding Meeting | Invited members |
| | Friday 13 | 7.00 pm | Junior Choir Practice | St Mary |
| | | 8.00 pm | Adult Choir Practice | St Mary |

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| Saturday 14 | 9.00 am to 2.30 pm | Parish Away Day We invite a voluntary donation of £5 per person. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. | St George Britwell, Long Furlong Road, SL2 2LX |
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Please check sign-up sheets for those requesting/offering lifts

Future Events

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| MAR | Sunday 15 | | Mothering Sunday | All Churches |
| | Thursday 19 | 1.30 pm | Refresh | St Francis |
| | Saturday 21 | 5.30 pm | Parish Beetle Drive and Bingo | St Mary Centre |
| | Sunday 29 | | Palm Sunday | All Churches |
| APR | Thursday 2 | 7.30 pm | Maundy Thursday | St Mary |
| | Good Friday 3 | 10.00 am | Service of Reflection | St Francis |
| | | 10.45 am | Service followed by Walk of Witness | Christ the Worker |
| | | 11.15 am | Walk of Witness | Christ the Worker |
| | | 12.00 noon | Three Hours at the Cross | St Mary |
| | Saturday 4 | 10.00 am | Easter Garden Set up | St Mary |
| | | 7.30 pm | Easter Vigil | St Mary |
| | Easter Sunday 5 | Various | Easter Services | All Churches |
| APR | Saturday 25 | 6.00 pm | School Assembly Sing-a-long | St Francis |
| MAY | Saturday 9 | 6.30 pm | Concert in aid of Save the Children | St Mary |

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| Contacts | Rev Chris Ferris | rectoroflangley@gmail.com | 07910 077 885 |
| | Parish Administrator / Parish Office | langleymarish@gmail.com | 01753 350 444 |
| | Office Hours | Tuesdays 2:00 to 6:00 pm and Fridays 10:30 am to 4:30 pm | |

Day off Mondays

For News Sheet and Website items

For Parish items to be included in the News Sheet and/or for social media, please send details to the Parish Office by Tuesday morning for inclusion in the following week's edition.
If you do not currently receive an email copy and would like one or would like to stop receiving them please email the Parish Office with the title '**NS subscribe**' or '**NS unsubscribe**'. Please also include a suffix StM, StF, CtW or 'Friend' as appropriate. Thank you!

Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/ParishofLangley/>



Website
<https://langleymarish.com/>



Zoom Sign-In Options
WEB: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5871259212?pwd=RnFabUV4bEx2OHBYTm5yZXINT3I2QT09>
Phone: 020 8080 6591 Meeting ID: 587 125 9212# Passcode: 738192#



Lent 3

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

Readings

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| Old Testament | Exodus 17. 1 - 7 |
| New Testament | Romans 5.1 - 11 |
| Gospel | John 4. 5 - 42 |

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week 15 March 2026 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

Service Times

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| St Mary | 8.00 am and 11.00 am |
| St Francis | 9.30 am |
| Christ the Worker | 11.00 am |

Readings

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| Old Testament | Exodus 2. 1 - 10 |
| New Testament | 1 Samuel 1. 20 - end |
| Gospel | 2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7 |

Message from the Rector

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is one of a series of conversations we encounter during Lent. One of the great pleasures and privileges of ministry is listening to people's stories, and when people share moments of pain, guilt and shame I am acutely aware of the power of the blood of Jesus to wash away the stain of sin, but also to heal the brokenness that each of us carries.

This story speaks of isolation, loneliness, shame, guilt, and racism. It speaks of how our past history can intrude into our present, robbing us of life in all its fullness. She comes to the well alone, at noon - not in the cool of the morning with the other women, but in the heat of the day, hiding from the very community she belonged to. And yet it is precisely there, in that place of shame, that Jesus meets her.

He crosses every boundary to do so - speaking to a woman in public, speaking to a Samaritan, asking to share her vessel. Three taboos broken in a single moment. The disciples return and are astonished, but say nothing. Grace often leaves people speechless.

There are misunderstandings in this story too - about living water, about where and how God can truly be worshipped. But in Jesus such things are conquered and defeated at the cross. What she came seeking - water to quench a physical thirst - she leaves behind entirely. She abandons her water jar. She came for water and found something that made the jar irrelevant.

Tradition does something important: it gives the Samaritan woman a name - Photini, meaning the luminous one. In giving her a name, tradition gives her back her dignity. The woman who hid from the midday sun becomes a bearer of light. Because of her past, she becomes an evangelist, sharing the good news that Jesus alone can give. Her past is redeemed and she becomes a new person. Fear and shame are replaced with hope and love. Eastern Orthodox tradition even venerates her as Equal to the Apostles.

That is the grace of the gospel. The very thing we are most ashamed of becomes, in the hands of Jesus, the story we cannot stop telling. **Chris**

PARISH FREE SOCIAL EVENT! ALL WELCOME!
OPTIONAL: please bring a £1 coin to join in a fund raising game

Beetle Drive & Bingo

Saturday 21 March 2026
5.30-7.00 pm
St Mary's Centre
Please bring your own drinks & snacks!

SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE NOW IN CHURCHES

PCC MEETING

PCC Meeting Annual Report and Accounts

Wednesday 22 April 2026 7.30 pm

WANTED

We are collecting old manual toothbrushes!

To help clean the NASH family graves in preparation of the commemoration in July

CONTACT JOSEPHINE HANNEY FOR MORE INFORMATION

OLD TOOTHBRUSHES

£3,000 FUND RAISER

TO REPLACE THE EXISTING GRAND PIANO

W. HOFFMANN

£35

SECOND HAND REPLACEMENT

MIN DONATION PER PIANO KEY NOTE AND/OR CLUB TOGETHER

FINAL WEEKS

BABY GRAND PIANO

88 WHITE KEYS 52 BLACK KEYS

Thank you for all your generous pledges and donations. If you have pledged please can you make your donation as soon as possible so we can make the final payment.

Please make your donation via Bank Transfer to
Langley Parochial Church Council General Account:
60-19-28 Account Number 10121366
Please use the reference **StM Piano**

Sort Code

THANK YOU!

KEDERMISTER LIBRARY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
MAY TO OCTOBER 2026
2.30 - 4.30 PM



KEDERMISTER LIBRARY & OPEN CHURCH

First Sunday of the Month
May to October 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Additional helpers wanted!
Including meet and greet visitors for these popular, fun, interesting and entertaining events.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

A chance to learn more at an inhouse parish event is planned after Easter

See the **Rector** for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL ASSEMBLY SING-ALONG

APRIL 25 2026 (6.00 pm)

More details to follow

THANK YOU!

everyone for your pledges and donations! We have raised a lot of money in a very short amount of time!

If you have made a pledge or would like to donate more please can you do this as soon as possible via Bank Transfer using the ref 'StM Piano' so we can make sure it is received to the right place and make our final payment. Thank you!