



# All Saints Church Langton Green

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## December 2025 Newsletter

Well it seems that December has arrived very quickly this year. There has been so much build up to Rev Rob Hindmarch arriving that everything else has snuck in quietly. We were so please to welcome Rob and has family last month, both at Speldhurst church and then at our Installation service on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Huge thank you to everyone who helped get everything ready, church cleaning, beautiful flower arrangements, food prepared, choir. Fantastic.



We were delighted to welcome some of the Little Birches nursery and pupils from Langton Green Primary School to learn about Remembrance Sunday. It is a joy to have them in church.

Thank you for all the toys that you collected and gave in during our Toy service on 30<sup>th</sup> November, they will be very well received by local church facing difficult circumstances this year. This is the amazing donation from our Crochet and Chat group.



# Merry Christmas

Now we are in Advent and the Christmas preparation really begins in earnest. You will find lots of information about the Posade figures, the Carol Service and the Christmas Eve and Christmas morning as you read further through. Everyone is very warmly invited to all our lovely services. We are holding our decorate a Christmas Tree window again this year and would love lots of people to take part in making our church look Christmasy.

There is lots more information about all these activities in this newsletter.

Hope to see you all soon. Very Happy Christmas to Everyone. Sally-Anne (Church Warden)

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## Worship Services in church for *December*

	<p><b>8.00 am Contemplative Communion</b>  <i>Nearly every Sunday with some Service of the Word services</i></p>
	<p><b>9. 00 am Chocolate Church:</b>  <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please book your table by emailing or phone Sally-Anne Gathern</b>  <a href="mailto:sallyannegathern@gmail.com"><b>sallyannegathern@gmail.com</b></a></p>
	<p><b>10.30 am Eucharist with congregational singing or a Service of the Word</b></p>
	<p><b>Build A Faith 8.00am in Gracespace</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>  <b>A chance to share a Bible story through Godly Play and lots of brick building, models of our stories</b></p>
<p><b>Christmas Services</b></p>	<p><b>Carol Service 21<sup>st</sup> December 5.00pm with Rev Rob Hinmarch</b>  <b>Crib Service 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm with Rev Rob Hindmarch</b>  <b>Midnight Mas 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm with Rev Jane Edwards</b>  <b>Christmas Day Morning 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am with Rev Rob Hindmarch</b></p>



## Afternoon Tea:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the Month

2.30 – 3.30, next tea

**3<sup>rd</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup>**

**January 2026**

No cost involved but donations welcome

# Little Saints

Tuesday mornings

9.30am until 11.30am

In Gracespace



Friendly space for mums and carers to get together  
with activities ready for their little ones to enjoy.

Come and enjoy a natter and cake

We would love to see you





# Prayer Patch Update December 2025

Please keep this prayer list close by so we create a loving, supportive community in Langton.

Prayers to encourage the right way forward for our church and those churches we will be working alongside. Our plans need to evolve and develop so we ask for guidance and perseverance and a strong understanding of the path we should take. To encourage our Church PCC to continue its work to keep our church community stable and positive with our active worship and services, our clubs and meetings bringing people together.

Rev Rob Hindmarch and his family, wife Mary, and teenage daughter's Hannah and Abi, may they find the change of churches and new vicarage to call home and gentle and happy move knowing they are welcomed into our church and village.

Please continue to pray for our church groups Mother's Union, Little Saints, Afternoon tea, Chocolate Choir, mindfulness groups, knit and natter, crochet group, children's learning activities, and all that is offered in Gracespace, that these may be times of friendship and joy in the community.

**THRIVE** whose events we support, through hosting and promoting their well-being activities; that this developing charity will be granted longevity and grow from strength to strength as it seeks to help all in the village recover a strong sense of wellbeing. We also ask God's blessing for the community garden project.

For increased financial support and stability for our church so that we may in turn nurture and support our wider community.

For those whose family members are struggling with significant mental health issues; please pray for the children, their siblings and parents; for those who play key roles in their lives, like teachers, social workers and their friends.

We pray for all the families who find this time of year a struggle, be with them all so that they might know your peace and love and that kindness shines through.

Please also keep the listed people below in your prayers; you may like to pray for one person each day or a column a week. Many thanks.

WE HAVE REVIEWED OUR PRAYER LIST SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE OR TAKE OFF NAMES YOU HAVE ADDED .

Clara and Hugh	Louisa Nelson	Robert	Sarah
Fiona	Marion and John	Millicent	Patrick

We pray for Emma's family as they come to terms with the loss of Geoff.



## Christmas Trees in Church

This year we are hoping to create a wonderful display of Christmas Trees from lots of different community groups around the village. If you would like to decorate a mini potted or artificial tree to take part in this community project please let Sally-Anne [sallyannegathern@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannegathern@gmail.com) It would be lovely if all our trees could be displayed by Sunday 7th December.

You can bring your tree up anytime during the day and place it in your agreed position around the church. You can theme your tree or just decorate it how you would like. We will be blessing all our trees in the church and our village Christmas trees during the 10.30am service.





## **Christmas Crib Service**

### **At All Saints Church Langton Green**

### **24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**

We are on the lookout for some enthusiastic children who would like to take part in the Crib Service this year. If you have a budding angel, king or shepherd or even a Mary or Joseph please send me an email [sallyannegathern@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannegathern@gmail.com) If you have older children who do not want to dress up but would love to narrate our Christmas story we have parts for them too. EVERYONE is very welcome to come and have fun and find the true meaning of Christmas.

If you are not sure but would like more information please call me Sally-Anne Gathern on Tel No 01892 822261 or email me I would love to hear from you **as soon as possible**.

Look forward to seeing you, there taking part or in the congregation.





# Thrive Coffee Mornings

in Gracespace at 10.30-12.00

**Wednesday 18<sup>TH</sup> December**

All welcome, especially people struggling with memory problems.

**Dates for your 2026 diary**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 'Photos from the Past'**

**18<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**15<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> May**



*For several years now we have had our Posada figures (Mary and Joseph) traveling around the village from house to house. Each home that looks after them for the night takes them onto the next home and there is the opportunity to share a short blessing prayer together.*

We have also had their journey shared on Facebook (for those who 'do' Facebook). It has been gorgeous seeing them in each different home - under the tree, on the mantel piece, amongst the Christmas lights.

**WILL YOU GIVE THEM SHELTER THIS YEAR?**

We have a sign up sheet in church and would be delighted if you could be involved. Contact Sally-Anne or Emma if you would like to join in but can't get to church.



# Build A Faith

Come to Build A Faith and let your imagination  
build on our Bible stories.

A Fun Way in Faith

For any children who would like to have fun and enjoy  
church.

Relaxed space to enjoy building and share a story.

**Sunday 14th December 2025**

**Sunday 21st December 2025**

**8am (while the main service is on)**

**In Gracespace**

Sally-Anne and Tricia would love to see you

Any questions please contact Sally-Anne

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Come and join us for breakfast and Godly Play  
We would love to see you.

**Sunday 7th December and  
Sunday 4th January 2026  
9.00AM**

We will be telling our Godly Play Bible Story and I promise a yummy chocolate breakfast with pancakes, pain au chocolate and waffles. Please let me know by the **THURSDAY before** for booking a table place. If you have not been before, this is a lovely way to nurture faith gently as a family, in a fun way. A donation would be gratefully received on the day.

**You can book through Sally-Anne Gathern on  
sallyannegathern@gmail.com or phone me on  
01892 822261 or 07761 533729**



## Readings for December

We are always happy to welcome new readers, so if you could offer one Sunday a month or more, then please get in touch with a member of the team. We use the NRSV version and you can search for the readings on [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com)

Date	Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
7th Dec	The Second Sunday if Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
14th Dec	The Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
21st Dec	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
25th Dec	Christmas Day			
28th Dec	Christmas 1			

From the Rota.

*Please record any changes of the list in church*

Date	Readers	Intercessions
7th Dec	Vanessa Clegg	Sally-Anne Gathern
14th Dec	Karen Mitchell	Louise Dean
21st Dec	Jennifer Johnson	Elizabeth Meynell
28th Dec	Emma Stevens	Emma Stevens

No need to prepare your own prayers in December as we are using the Maranatha Prayers on the service sheet.



## Useful contact details

### Churchwardens:

Sally-Anne Gathern 01892 822261 [sallyannegathern@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannegathern@gmail.com)

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Treasurer: Mark Gamble 01892 862194

### PCC members:

Trish Fearnley (Secretary)

Antonia James

Lesley Westaway

Mark Gamble

Karen Mitchell

Lara Bowyer-Sidwell

Matthew Gathern

Dave Ling

Deanery Synod Representatives: Ann Greenfield      Chris Gathern

Health and Safety Officer: Chris Gathern

### Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer:

Ann Greenfield 01892 549105 [anngfield@gmail.com](mailto:anngfield@gmail.com)

### Deputy Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer:

Sally-Anne Gathern 01892 822261 or 07761 533729 [sallyannegathern@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannegathern@gmail.com)

### Clergy

Revd Robert Hindmarch Priest in Charge [rob.hindmarch@speldhurstchurch.org](mailto:rob.hindmarch@speldhurstchurch.org)

### Church Group Leaders:

Mothers 'Union: Penny Woodford 01892 862562

### Chocolate church/children's chapel and Youth activities:

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