



All Saints Church Langton Green

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July 2026 Newsletter

It is July, you know that every school child is breathing a sigh of relief that exam season is over and there are summer holidays just around the corner.

It is worth remembering that church is open every day 9am to 4pm and during these very hot days, it is a cool place to breathe and rest a bit, I will try to update the children's corner with new colouring etc so that children can come and find a free space to enjoy during the holidays.

Last month we had the great pleasure of Rev Michael Gentry back to take his grandson Leo's baptism service. It was lovely to see all the family again after about 10 years. (Just in case you are new to the area, Rev Michael Gentry was a previous vicar here, now vicar at St Mark's Bromley)



Charlotte, Ian and Rev Michael with Leo

If you feel like starting a little project we would love to have a garden bed weeded in the church yard. The Thrive garden is looking lovely with lots of new plants growing so it would be fantastic to have our beds along the front lawn looking just as lovely. Do let me know if you would like to help.

Best Wishes Sally-Anne

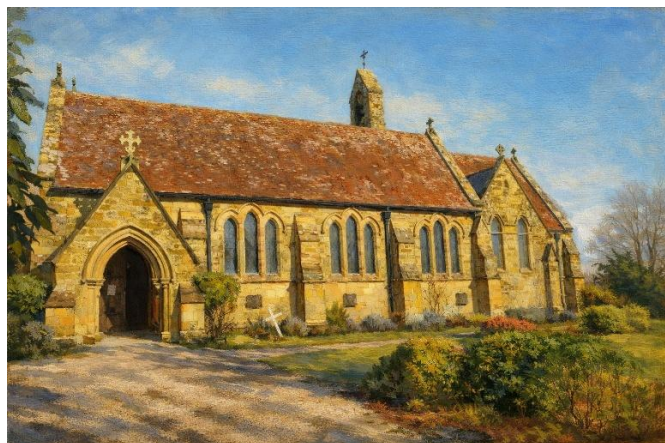


Generosity Sunday

Following our talk from Liz Mullins and the information packs going out, please do not forget to post back your responses in the stamped addresses envelope provided. If you would rather drop off at church there is a collection box at the back of church on the table. It is your chance to review your giving and decide what you would like to do in the future.

During August

We will be exploring The Lord's Prayer during our services. A chance to delve a little deeper into prayer and praying. As it is the holiday season we will only have one service each week at 9am followed by tea and coffee. If 9am is too early for you feel free to join us at the end of the service for tea and coffee and then just have quiet reflection in church with Bible reading and The Lord's Prayer.



Worship/Services in church for **JULY**

	<p>8.00 am Contemplative Communion <i>Nearly every Sunday with some Service of the Word services</i></p>
	<p>9.00 am Chocolate Church: Sunday 19th July. Please book your table by emailing or phone Sally-Anne Gathern sallyannegathern@gmail.com by the Thursday before.</p>
	<p>10.30 am Eucharist with congregational singing or a Service of the Word</p>
	<p>Build A Faith 8.00am in Gracespace Sunday 12th July A chance to share a Bible story through Godly Play and lots of brick building, models of our stories</p>
<p>Holiday Time August</p>	<p>9am service only with coffee and tea afterwards</p>



Church Diary - JULY

Day	Date	What's On
Wednesday	1 st	<i>Afternoon Tea in Gracespace at 2.30pm</i>
Thursday	2 nd	
Friday	3 rd	
Saturday	4 th	NOT ON DUE TO FETE - <i>Men's Walking Group</i> VILLAGE FETE ON THE GREEN
Sunday	5 th	8am Holy Communion service and 10.30am Service of the word with Sally-Anne in main church
Monday	6 th	
Tuesday	7 th	<i>Little Saints Toddler Group in Gracespace</i>
Wednesday	8 th	
Thursday	9 th	
Friday	10 th	
Saturday	11 th	Thrive Children's Activity Day 10am to 4pm
Sunday	12 th	8am Service of the word and Build A Faith 10.30am Holy Communion service in main church
Monday	13 th	
Tuesday	14 th	<i>Little Saints Toddler Group in Gracespace</i>
Wednesday	15 th	<i>Thrive Coffee Morning in Gracespace</i>
Thursday	16 th	
Friday	17 th	
Saturday	18 th	
Sunday	19 th	8am Holy Communion service in main church 9am CHOCOLATE CHURCH 10.30am Service of the Word
Monday	20 th	
Tuesday	21 st	<i>Little Saints Toddler Group in Gracespace</i>
Wednesday	22 nd	
Thursday	23 rd	
Friday	24 th	
Saturday	25 th	
Sunday	26 th	8am and 10.30am service in main church
Monday	27 th	
Tuesday	28 th	
Wednesday	29 th	
Thursday	30 th	

Let Sally-Anne know if you want to add information about church related groups to this calendar page by the 24th July ready for the next issue.

Readings for July

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

Date	Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
5th July	5th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end
12th July	6th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 25:19-end	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13 1-9,18-20
19th July	7th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 28: 10-19a	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
26th July	8th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-end	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

From the Rota.

Please record any changes of the list in church

8 o'clock service

Date	Lead
5th July	Rob Avery
12th July	Sally-Anne
19th July	Rob Hindmarch
26th July	Sheila Perkins

10:30 service

Date	Lead
5th July	Sally-Anne
12th July	Anthony Hammill
19th July	Sally-Anne
26th July	Sheila Perkins

All Saints Mothers Union 100th Birthday Tea



Following on from Penny Woodford's article in last month's newsletter detailing the origins of the MU and describing the early history of our branch here in Langton Green, our tea party took place on Tuesday 9th. June.

We were honoured to welcome Diocesan President Mary Margaret Yates, the Vice President for Tonbridge, Karen Forster-Pearce to our 100th Birthday Tea Party.

We were also joined by Rev Rob Hindmarch, members of Speldhurst Mothers Union, friends from All Saints and two guests from St James Church who had visited Tanzania to see first hand a project supported by the Mothers Union there.



*More information about the Mothers Union can be found on their website
<https://www.mothersunion.org/>*



**Thrive Langton
invites you to a
Children's Activity Day
in the
Community Garden**



**Saturday July 11th
10.00am to 4.00pm**

Come and explore and get creative at our activity tables, suitable for ages 3-11

- Nature themed crafts, and collage
- Pebble painting,
- Bugs and Insects
- Nature weaving,
- Plant a pot

There is no charge for these activities.

Tea, Coffee and delicious cakes to buy so rest awhile whilst your children are busy. A few hand crafted items on sale too.



The Community Garden is to the rear of
All Saint's Church Langton Green.
We look forward to seeing you.





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

Sunday 3rd & 31st May
Sunday 7th & 28th June
Sunday 19th July
9.00am to 10.00am

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



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 17th & 24th May

Sunday 14th & 21st June

Sunday 12th July

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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Afternoon Tea

This is a wonderful social occasion,
and all are very warmly welcome.

Lesley and Christine
will be delighted to see you
and offer delicious cakes and tea.

Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 3rd June and
Wednesday 1st July
in Gracespace
2.30pm to 3.30pm

No cost involved but donations welcome.





Men's Walking Group

Our Men's Walking Group usually meets every first Saturday each month. Starting in Gracespace for a bacon butty and a cuppa and then heading out for a walk locally.

If you would like more information please contact
Mark Gamble on 07957872111 or
Email mjg@hunterfd.co.uk

**Our next walk is on Saturday 29th August
Please note change of date Meeting at 9.30am**



Can you be part of the team?

We have a wonderful church which is full of lovely people, who all have different skills. We would really like to give you the opportunity to feel a sense of belonging by being part of the team who makes things happen.

We are looking for people to read in church as part of our services, or if you would like to help with our prayers. We have a rota for our 10.30am service which we can always add to but our 8am really needs some new faces for the team. If you are interested in helping out please speak to Emma Stevens who can tell you a little more.



Our beautiful church also needs regular cleaning, we have got a few offers from some fab people to help with this but it would be great to have a few more so that one or two people do not have to do all of it. Everything will be provided and they are simple tasks but very important. Do let Sally-Anne Gathern know if you are able to help.





Prayer Patch Update JULY 2026

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

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.

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.

We pray for all the children who are getting ready for school exams, GCSE's and A levels, collage exams and Uni students, may they find clear direction and focus and a peaceful work space, in full knowledge that Christ's light guides the way.

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.

Please also keep the listed people below in your prayers. Thank you for ensuring no one is forgotten.

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
Fiona**

**Louisa Nelson
John**

**Robert
Millicent**

**Sarah
Chris**

We give thanks for the life of Shirley Sears who passed away in June, she was a long standing members of our choir and always part of our congregation. She will be much missed



Thrive Coffee Mornings

in Gracespace at 10.30-12.00

All welcome, especially people struggling with memory problems.

Dates for your 2026 diary

20th May

18th June

And 16th July

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
For more information please call
Jess Owens on 07796 075486

