



Langton Green Church

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May 2022 Newsletter



May's Worship

SUNDAYS

8.00 am every week

9.00 am Chocolate Church Café – May 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th & June 5th book through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--kent/all-saints-langton-green-chocolate-church/>

10.30 am May 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th & June 5th Eucharist with congregational singing.

10.30 Childrens Chapel May 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th & June 5th (with Revd. Lynn or Sally-Anne and Karen Mitchell, this is a story like we have in Chocolate Church followed by a creative exploration by each child)

10.30 Intergenerational Worship Sunday 8th May

TUESDAYS

In GraceSpace: 3.45pm Chocolate Church Café – Mar 3rd, 17th & 24th book through Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--kent/all-saints-langton-green-chocolate-church/>

WEEKDAYS

On zoom: Mindful Morning Prayer 7 – 7.15 am; Monday – Friday

On zoom: Celtic night prayer 9 – 9.05pm; Sun – Thurs

On Zoom

The link for ALL

- **Morning Prayer** (open 6.58 onwards every weekday)
- **Night Prayer** (open 20.55 onwards every Sunday to Thursday (i.e. NOT Friday or Saturday evenings)
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8130136445?pwd=MVhMZmx2aTdva3Z2L1Q4TzBnY2hlUT09>

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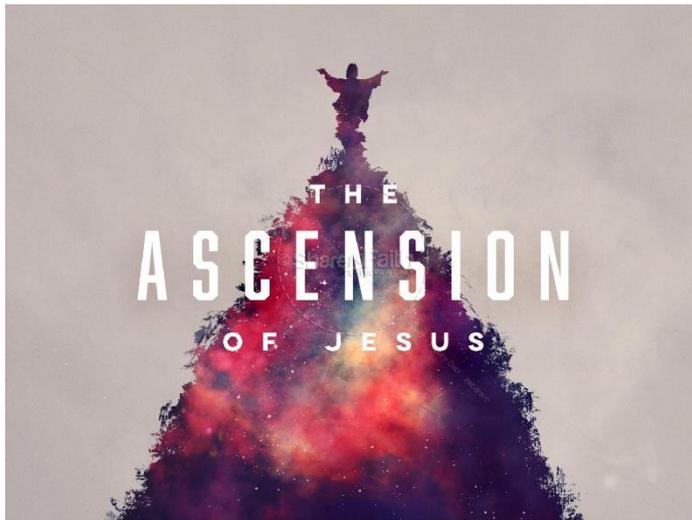


APCM 8th May
11.30 in church
PLEASE COME!

This is a chance to hear how we have been doing and to look at the way forward. *Any family is only healthy if everyone's voice and opinion is heard -* so **let's share our thoughts and perspectives to make Langton Church a true family...**

Thanks

Lynn



Ascension Day service

Ascension day marks the final part of our Easter celebrations. There are traditionally 10 DAYS OF INTENSE PRAYER BETWEEN PENTECOST AND ASCENSION (just as the disciples did 200 years ago and the church has aspired to ever since).

Let's worship together at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th May at this special service.

Thy Kingdom Come: 11 days of Prayer



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. According to our annual survey findings an astonishing percentage of people said they were praying for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and a significant number of people join in for the first time,

we recognise there is much more we can do together to help *Thy Kingdom Come* be fully in the lifeblood of the Church.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus

Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

We will have prayer stations around the church during these 11 days and encouraging everyone to pray for 3 people that they may either know Jesus for the first time, or deepen their faith in him.

Will you join in?

PRAYING FOR 3	LORD LEAD
1	_____
PRAYERFULLY CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR	_____
2	_____
WRITE THEIR NAME ON THIS CARD	_____
3	_____
PUT THIS CARD SOMEWHERE YOU'LL SEE DAILY TO PRAY FOR THEM	_____
 prayersofmany.org	TO YOU, AMEN 



Afternoon Teas: 1st Wednesday in the Month 2.30 – 3.30 (4th May & June 8th)

It is really lovely to have time to chat with friends old and new.

Afternoon tea is free and open to everyone, so bring friends and neighbours along!

If you can help by making cakes that would be great (let Emma know). **In GraceSpace (church hall) Free!**



Sing-a-long: 18th May

EVERYONE WELCOME – old time songs CUPPA AND CAKE INCLUDED

We will aim for the third Wednesday of the month from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm. That would give folk something to look forward to before events came round again a week later as a new month begins. **In GraceSpace (church hall).** Pat Edwards runs

this so speak to her or chat with Emma if you would like to know more. Free!



Community Lunch

In The Pavilion at 12 noon

A 2 course lunch with wine £10. This is a fabulous community get together run by volunteers.

The next one is May 23rd.

All ages very welcome.

Please book in advance through The Pavilion's Emma Howden or see our Emma Stevens for more details.



Reminder: Memorial and Thanksgiving for Doreen Thomson

Wednesday 29th June at 11.30 in Church.

Everyone is warmly invited to The High Rocks for lunch afterwards, please can you let me know if you would like to go to lunch (the family hope you will come!).

Readings for May

We use the NRSV version and you can search for the readings on Biblegateway.com

Date	Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1 st May	3 rd of Easter	1 st reading Acts 9:1-6	Revelation 5:11-end	John 21:1-19
8 th May	4 th of Easter Family Service			
15 th May	5 th of Easter	Acts 11: 1-18	Revelation 21: 1-6	John 13: 31-35
22 nd May	6 th of Easter	Acts 16: 9-15	Revelation 21: 10-22:5	John 14: 23-29
26 th May	Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1: 15-end	Luke 24: 44-end
29 th May	7 th of Easter	Acts 16: 16-34	Revelation 22: 12-14,16-17	John 17: 20-end
5 th June	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21	Romans 8: 14-17	John 14: 8-17 (25-27)



Prayer Patch Update March 2022

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

For the **Ukrainian refugees** moving to Langton and nearby.

Please pray especially for **THRIVE**, the new and developing to help the all in the village recover strong sense of wellbeing over the next 5 years and more.

Please continue to pray that we find the **right person to lead a choir** (rehearsals and on Sundays) – we would love it to be an All Age Community Choir (where people also had the option of singing on Sundays). A few people have been interested, but no one has agreed to take the role yet.

We continue to have new faces through our doors, it takes quite a lot of courage to come! Please pray that people feel included and cherished (both existing members and newcomers). **Please pray especially that we would all remember to go out of our way to talk with people we don't yet know in church.**

That we might become an increasingly loving, generous, serving church, that is financially sustainable

For the homegroups, that they will become places of growth, nurture, and support.

For the community lunches at the Pavilion and for the afternoon tea, art, qigong and all we do in GraceSpace, that they may be a places of warm connectivity and joy in the village.

Caz who is at her parents' house looking after her Dad (who has dementia), please pray also for her Mum (who is hospital rehabilitating after a broken femur close to her hip)

There a few families in the village whose children are struggling with significant mental health issues, this has been made worse with the pandemic. Please pray for them and their parents and siblings that they would know God's love, peace, and healing.

Alex Shorter

Clara and Hugh

Marion and John

Fiona

Dave – *giving thanks for his recovery from cancer*

Peter Brown

Pam Bulmer

Colin Crisp

Pamela Pitcher

Louisa Nelson

Sarah

Robert

Penny

Michele

Pamela Hargreaves (*end of life care*)

Louise G (*breast cancer*)

Useful contact details

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Chocolate church/children's chapel and Youth activities

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[Please look at the website or Facebook page for news and updates](#)



Tell Tale on the Organ

The other day I had to ask our organ maintenance man to check what had broken and was delighted when I learnt what it was.

It's what is termed a "tell-tale" and is there to inform the organist that the person standing inside and hand blowing the organ using the lever had raised enough wind for them to start playing.

It is amazing what you learn when you are a church warden and it definitely made me smile.



Children's Chapel



May Day

Maytime is when we think of all the plants growing and flowering and the weather getting warmer ready for Summer.

There are all sorts of traditions in England celebrating May, from May Pole Dancing to Morris Dancers and May Queens. School aged children used to decorate a stick, cross or hoop with flowers, sometimes with a little doll in the middle. Maybe you could collect leaves and flowers and do something similar, thinking about how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful area. Maybe you could decorate a prayer card with flowers and use it each night before you go to bed to think about all the things you are thankful for or worried about.



Dear Jesus

Help me to say thank you for all the wonderful things around me. The beautiful countryside, my school, my family, my friends and my home. Please help me to remember that I can always turn to you for support and help if I need it. Amen

Stay Safe Love Sally-Anne