

All Saints Church Langton Green

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March 2025 Newsletter

Spring is in the air. The crocuses and daffodils are gracing us with bright nodding blooms and better weather will soon be on its way.

I am pleased to say that I have just finished the third course for church, this one is Speaking God's Word. Rev Jane is kindly assessing my sermon for this on 2nd March. This works along side Hearing God's Word and Leading Worship. It has been a very interesting experience and very useful considering we are in an interrgnum. Hopefully I will gain my Bishop's Certificate at the end.

On the 16th March we have Tony Ford from the Bishop's Communication Office coming to visit at 8am. He is coming to see what we are doing at our services both in main church and build a faith. It would be fantastic to have your support. He is keen to have comments to go with the short video he is making on the day for *Growing the Kingdom* - a film series sharing stories of transformation, faith, and community impact by churches and people of faith across the Diocese so we would love a fantastic turn out for 8am church and build a faith.

We are looking forward to sharing a couple of our Holy Week services with our new benefice churches with Ash Wednesday being held at St Mary's and Maundy Thursday held here at All Saints. There is a full list of all our Easter services in the newsletter including the Lent course that Emma Stevens is running on a Tuesday evening on Zoom.

This year we have to complete a completely new Electoral Roll so do please fill in a form, they are at the back of church if you need a paper copy or you can complete the one attached here and email it into triciafearnley@aol.com

THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL IN THE PAST, THIS YEAR EVERYONE HAS TO REAPPLY NOT JUST IN OUR CHURCH BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Hope to see you all soon. Sally-Anne (Church Warden)





We have our Diocese Communication team visiting on 16th March to see what we are inspiring people with, and making a short video so it would be great to have a good turn out

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.

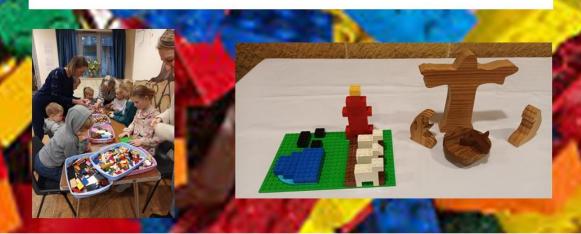
Relaxed space to enjoy building and share a story.

Sunday 9th and 16th March 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
sallyannegathern@gmail.com
01892 822261 / 07761 533729



Lent Course I believe...



Emma Stevens is running our Lent course on Zoom starting on
Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm It will run for 5 weeks
Each session will take about 30 mins
Taking us through The Apostles' Creed, section by section
This will be a reflective look at what it means to us
with the use of readings, prayers and music

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99656368288?pwd=BOiigNk3LxTMtXl6dIKCwasaNy0ezI.1

Meeting ID: 996 5636 8288

Passcode: 742223

Same link for all zoom meetings

Worship Services in church for *MARCH*

Morning Prayer	7.00am to 7.15am every weekday morning on Zoom this is a wonderful way to find a little peace before the normal chaos of the day starts
	8.00 am Contemplative Communion Nearly every Sunday with some Service of the Word services
Chocolate Church	9. 00 am Chocolate Church: Sunday 2 nd and 23 rd March. The new booking system on our website will be up and running to book for Chocolate Church very shortly, in the meantime please email or phone Sally-Anne Gathern
	10.30 am Eucharist with congregational singing or a Service of the Word
wonder. Children's Chapel	8.00am Children's Chapel will now be with Build A Faith Our new children's corner means that there is always something for children to get involved with every service in main church. This is available every service whether Children's Chapel is running or not.
Build A Faith	Build A Faith 8.00am in Gracespace 9 th and 16 th March 2025 A chance to share a Bible story through Godly Play and lots of brick building, models of our stories



Church Diary - March Page

Day	Date	What's On	
Saturday	1 st		
Sunday	2 nd	8am Holy Communion, 9am Chocolate Church, 10.30am	
Monday	3 rd		
Tuesday	4 th	Little Saints Toddler group	
Wednesday	5 th	Afternoon Tea in Gracespace	
		Ash Wednesday Service St Marys Church Speldhurst 8pm	
Thursday	6 th		
Friday	7 th		
Saturday	8 th		
Sunday	9 th	8am service, 8am Build A Faith, 10.30am service	
Monday	10 th		
Tuesday	11 th	Little Saints Toddler group and Mother's Union	
Wednesday	12 th		
Thursday	13 th		
Friday	14 th		
Saturday	15 th		
Sunday	16 th	8am service, 8am Build A Faith with visit from Dioceses	
		Communication Team for Growing God's Kingdom,	
		10.30am service	
Monday	17 th		
Tuesday	18 th	Little Saints Toddler group, Lent Course on Zoom at 7.30am	
Wednesday	19 th	Thrive Coffee Morning	
Thursday	20 th		
Friday	21 ^{s†}		
Saturday	22 nd	,	
Sunday	23 rd	8am Holy Communion, 9am Chocolate Church,	
		10.30am Holy Communion	
Monday	24 th		
Tuesday	25 th	Little Saints Toddler group, Lent Course on Zoom at 7.30am	
Wednesday	26 th		
Thursday	27 th		
Friday	28 th		
Saturday	29 th		
Sunday	30 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES AT 8AM AND 10.30AM	
Monday	31 ^{s†}		

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



Afternoon Tea:

1st Wednesday in the Month 2.30 – 3.30, next tea 5th March and 2nd April 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 March 2025

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

Prayers to encourage the right priest to apply for the role of Priest in Charge as we start our advertising again. Our church PCC is working hard 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.

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. .

As the weather opens up more possibilities with lighter evenings, pray that we can encourage and support the elderly and infirm of the parish to be more involved and therefore be less isolated.

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 Adrian Smith Emily & family
Millicent

For our dear friend Pat Edwards' family as we remember and share her loss. Pat's funeral will take place in March (details to be confirmed, if you would like to attend please let Emma or Sally-Anne know and we will pass on details when we have them, it is likely to be in Rusthall)







Thrive Coffee Mornings

in Gracespace at 10.30-12.00

Wednesday 19th March

Wednesday 16th April

All welcome, especially people struggling with memory problems.

Card Reader in Church



If you would like to support our church financially but are not able to on a regular basis. Or maybe a donation when you come to a service, we have a new way to make payments even easier. We have a card reader in church for anyone and everyone to use. The instructions are on the screen, and they allow you to choose a selected amount or for you to choose your own.





Build A Faith

Come and join us for lots of fun making and creating Lego style builds to show our Bible stories.

9th and 16th March 8am
In Gracespace while the normal service is happening in church

Shrove Tuesday 5th March

Who likes pancakes? Well this is the very best day to eat them and remember why we have them.

Pancakes were a great way to use up fats and sugars before the season of Lent. You do not have to give something up for Lent you might instead want to try something new. Praying each night for someone or something important to you. Do something to help someone else, gardening around the church or for a relative who finds it hard



Tell your friends and come and join us.
Hope to see you soon.
Love Sally-Anne



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

Sunday 2nd March and Sunday 23rd March 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.

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

We hope to have our own booking system on our website later this month but for now please book through Sally-Anne









We are holding Mothering Sunday services on

Sunday 30th March At 8am and 10.30am

We hope you will be able to join us for these special services, you can collect a small token to share with you Mum or mum-like special someone

Easter Services Dates for your Diary

18th and 25th March, 1st, 8th & 15th April—Lent Course on Zoom with Emma Stevens a reflective look at The Creed

5th March—Ash Wednesday at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst at 8pm

17th April—Maundy Thursday service at 7.30pm with Rev Jane Edwards

18th April—Good Friday

12noon to 1pm Children's Hour— Children's Activities in Gracespace to explore the Easter message

- 1.00pm to 2.00pm Quiet Reflection in church
- 2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy with Rev Jane Edwards

20thApril—Easter Sunday 9.00am service

A wonderful opportunity to share together in the joy of Easter for everyone taken by Rev Jane Edwards

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds for children.



Readings for March

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
2nd March	Sunday next before Lent	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
9th March	1st Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
16th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis15:1-12,1 7-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
23rd March	3rd Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
30th March	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Luke 2:33-35

From the Rota.

Please record any changes of the list in church

Date	Readers	Intercessions
2nd March	Elizabeth Meynell	T Fearnley
9th March		
16th March	Kerry Mitchell	P Saunders
23rd March		
30th March	Louise Dean	A Greenfield