



# Benefice Newsletter

Kirk Langley, Mackworth,  
Mugginton, Long Lane & Longford

July 2025

## Our Services

**July 6th**

Holy Communion - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

Holy Communion - 10.30am - Christ Church, Long Lane

**July 13th**

Holy Communion - 8am - Halter Devil Chapel

Morning Prayer - 9.15am - St Chad's, Longford

Morning Prayer - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

**July 20th**

Holy Communion - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

**July 22nd**

Primary School Leavers' Service - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

**July 24th**

Primary School End of Term Service - 2.30pm - All Saints', Mugginton

**July 27th**

Morning Prayer - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

Holy Communion - 9.30am - All Saints', Mugginton

All Age Holy Communion - 11.15am - St Chad's, Longford




**Baptisms**

*Frederick Glover*



9.30am 27th July  
St Michael's, Kirk Langley



**Halter Devil Chapel**

We are delighted that services are returning to Halter Devil Chapel after it was closed for repairs following storm damage. Services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month will revert back to Halter Devil Chapel from July.



**BRAVO**

### Longford Fete a Huge Success!

A fantastic amount of £4769.11 was raised at Longford Fete for the upkeep of St Chad's Church. Special thanks to Andrea and the organising committee for all their hard work to make it happen and to Bev and Ian for the use of their field, and their support on the night. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by running stalls, donating items and coming along. St Chad's PCC are extremely grateful for your generosity.

The leftover items of bric a brac were donated to the Padley Centre in Derby. They were delighted to receive them and can use them to support families/individuals or to sell for fundraising.

Thank you all.



**AMAZING**





## Bravo to Our Schools!

The Derbyshire Times reported on absence rates in primary schools across the county on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025. A recent report from the Department for Education has shown just how much this really matters. Those who attended school nearly every day in Year 6 were 1.3 times more likely to meet national standards in reading, writing and maths compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time. This means missing just 10 days of school cuts their chances by around 25%. The Times compiled a list of the 12 Derbyshire schools which came out on top in terms of absence rates and every single Church of England School within our benefice made the list! So very well done to Kirk Langley, Mugginton, Longford and Long Lane CE Primary Schools - an outstanding achievement!

## Tony Chesterman

All Saints', Mugginton was full on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May for the service to celebrate the life of Canon Tony Chesterman, our much loved former Rector and Chaplain to the late queen. The service was led by the Rev Stuart Nattrass a life long friend who Tony and Val met whilst studying at Manchester university in 1956. There was a family internment of Tony's ashes in the graveyard prior to the service and refreshments and much reminiscing at the village hall afterwards.

## Open Garden

Lady Scarsdale is opening her garden on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm when refreshments will be served. This is open to members of Kirk Langley and Mackworth congregation plus members of the churches in our Benefice but will not be open to the general public. Free entry with money raised from refreshments going to St Michael's. Join us at Rectory House, Kedleston, Quarndon, Derby DE22 5JJ.

## Future Event 'Through the Seasons'

To celebrate Harvest in October members of the church, WI, school, neighbouring parishes and family are putting on a display in the church as part of St Michael's attempt to gain the Bronze Eco Award. The church will be open over two weekends (Oct 4/5<sup>th</sup> and 11/12<sup>th</sup>) to show off the crafts, paintings, etc that have been made and brought together under the title above. Further details will be announced nearer the time. All welcome to come and browse for free!

## Poorly Edited Church Notices

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch. Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves. The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

## Eco Update

### What have we been doing?

Over the last few months St Michael's, Kirk Langley has been working towards Eco Church accreditation. The Eco Church project provides a framework to take practical action in caring for God's earth, through a detailed Eco Church survey. This helps us take a deep look at five key areas of church life and how our commitment to the environment is reflected within them.

- Worship and teaching
- Buildings and energy
- Land and nature
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

Through this process, we're reviewing our current activities and identifying practical steps to ensure we place our commitment for the care of God's creation at the centre of our thoughts. So far we have achieved Bronze accreditation in the completed elements.

Progress has been good, and the process itself has been a very interesting one. We will start to see practical changes over the coming months and expect to complete the accreditation process over the summer.

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to talk to the Eco Church Team (Peter Roberts, Godfrey Meynell Jnr and myself) about any aspect of the project and our plans, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

### What have you been doing?!

We have had quite a few Eco Tips over the last few months. How many of these can you remember and how many have you implemented?

- Get a Bag for Life
- Walk or Use Public Transport
- Unplug electrical items
- Pray for Nature
- Use a local milkman
- Reuse, Recycle, Repair
- Avoid single use plastic
- Install a Water Butt
- Buy loose food
- Eat what you buy
- Compost your waste
- Home deliveries
- Make use of your microwave
- Buy Local
- Look after bees
- Plant for butterflies
- Minimize cling film