



Benefice Newsletter

Kirk Langley, Mackworth,
Mugginton, Long Lane & Longford

August 2025



Our Services

August 2nd

81st Anniversary Service - 2pm - The Lonely Memorial

August 3rd

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

Holy Communion - 10.30am - Christ Church, Long Lane

August 10th

Holy Communion - 8am - Halter Devil Chapel

Morning Prayer - 9.15am - Christ Church, Long Lane

ECO Service of the Word - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

August 17th

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

August 24th

Service of the Word - 9.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

Holy Communion - 9.30am - All Saints', Mugginton

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

August 31st

Joint Benefice Service - 10.30am - Mackworth Churchyard

81st Anniversary

The Lonely Memorial

This year a short service will be held on Saturday 2nd August at 2pm as we also commemorate the 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Days.

We hope you will join us and maybe remember your own family members who were involved in WWII. We are honoured that James Stafford, Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire will take part in the service and present a wreath on behalf of The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and by reference, The King. Reverend Alan Griggs, Lead Agricultural Chaplain of Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy will take the service. We will again have bugler Shaun Etherington to play the moving Last Post and Reveille. For more details about The Lonely Memorial, visit our website at <https://www.klmm-parishes.org.uk/whats-on/81st-anniversary-of-the-lonely-memorial/>



Weddings

Harry Brooksbank & Venetia Miller

9th August

St Michael's, Kirk Langley

Mark Hymas & Judith Tansley

30th August

Christ Church, Long Lane

Baptism

George
Somerville

9.30am 24th August

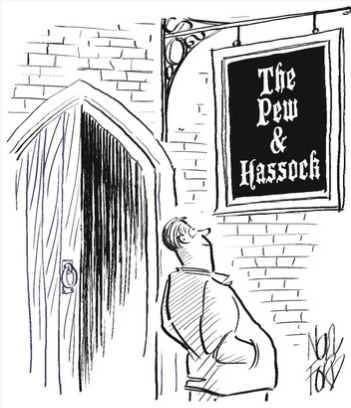
St Michael's,
Kirk Langley





Welcome to God's Family!

The congregation at St Chad's, Longford enjoyed celebrating the baptism of George, the youngest member of the Sherwin family, on 27th July.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

Open Garden

Lady Scarsdale is opening her garden on Sunday 17th 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.

Free parking available on site.



'Through the Seasons' A Celebration of all Things British through Art & Craft



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 on :-

Sat 4th October 2-4pm

Sun 5th October 2-4pm

Sat 11th Oct 2-4pm

Sun 12th Oct 2-4pm

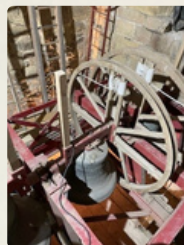
All welcome to come and browse for free!

Refreshments will be available.



Campanology In Focus

A few weeks ago a few ringers cleared and cleaned a substantial amount of twigs, debris and a lot of dust from the bell chamber of All Saints', Mugginton. A family of blackbirds had managed to squeeze through the protective netting. So not to harm them, they were carefully and humanely moved. The gaps have now been measured and blocked to ensure no birds can come in to nest. The cleaning is essential to the smooth movement of each bell. Twigs, bird droppings and dust are hazardous to a moving piece of very heavy metal. The team were rewarded with spectacular views in every direction which gave an appreciation of the wonderful country we live in.



Roving Ringers Flying Visit!



Meanwhile, the Roving Ringers visited St Chad's, Longford as part of their annual cycling bellringing tour! Whilst they rang the bells beautifully, someone kindly rearranged the cushions in church!



Preaching Hazards!

Showing a new parish that you are a forceful preacher may not always be a good idea, as the Revd Sydney Smith found out when he first arrived at All Saints Church in Foston in 1806. "When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation."

Coffee Morning for Alzheimer's Research

Frances Rymer is holding a coffee morning in aid of the above charity on Wednesday, 10th September at 2, Glebe Close, Long Lane Village, DE6 5BJ from 10am - 12 noon. Entrance £5 to include coffee and cake. Bring and buy stall for cakes produce or gifts. Raffle.

All are welcome.



Rededication of Historic Chapel

On Sunday 13th July 2025 we held a service at the recently repaired Halter Devil Chapel. This re-commenced the tradition of the 8am communion service held every second Sunday of the month. During the winter storms the chapel and adjoining farm had suffered extensive damage requiring major repair work. The quaint little place of worship looked in excellent condition after being repaired and decorated. During the service Ozzy rededicated the 300 year old chapel. After the service the parishioners attending had their picture taken outside. We hope that this wonderful tradition of monthly and Christmas Day services continue for another 100 years.

