



Benefice Newsletter

Kirk Langley, Mackworth,
Mugginton, Long Lane & Longford

January 2026



January 4th

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

Holy Communion - 10.30am - Christ Church, Long Lane

January 11th

Holy Communion - 8am - Halter Devil Chapel

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

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

January 18th

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

January 25th

Holy Communion - 9.30am - All Saints', Mugginton

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

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

Life Events

Funeral

Reeva Morris
5th January

All Saints' Church
Mugginton

Prayer for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Notes From Mugginton

There were lots of services prior to Christmas where the church was full. Particular highlights were the Christingle service, the various school concerts, the school nativity, and the Carol Service on the 21st December.

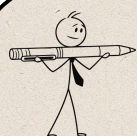
Thanks to all who performed, helped in any way and attended. A further thanks to those who decorated the church inside and out and made the church look festive and welcoming.

We have just been granted a Faculty to install a permanent wall plaque in the church to Tony Chesterman. Tony died in March and was the last vicar to reside in the village, he was much loved in the 18 years he was here and is still missed and talked about.

For those not in the know, a Faculty is the equivalent of planning permission from the Church of England, there are 18 stages that have to be passed, a process which has taken eight months and a lot of patience. The plaque has been commissioned and will take anything up to two months to complete and install.

Once installed there will be a service of dedication to which the family will be invited. Details of which will be circulated nearer the time.

Best wishes for 2026 and hopefully this might be the year when we are blessed with a new vicar.



A Note From Kirk Langley

The Carol Service at Kirk Langley was well attended and the Congregation was treated to a solo of the first verse on 'Once in Royal' as well as a solo of 'Panis Angelicus' by Archie Playdon. Archie lives in Kirk Langley and trained at the Birmingham Conservatoire. It certainly added atmosphere to the service as did the Scratch Choir.

Our thanks go to all the choir members who volunteered for this. Kirk Langley CE Primary School participated in the Christingle and Carol and Crib Services which were extremely well supported by their families.

The church was packed!



Fund Raising Gig for All Saints Tower and Bell appeal.

A local band 'Untraceable' are doing a gig for us at the Folly at the Farmhouse at Mackworth on Friday 16th January at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 on the door or from Rosie and Andrew or Chris and David. Expect a great evening of well known music from Beyoncé, Dolly Parton, Bruce Springsteen and many more - and a bar. Please support us and bring your friends!



Lost In Translation

Subtleties, feelings, nuance, and cultural implications don't always survive the journey into a new language. Here are some examples from hotels, train stations and airports from across the world which didn't quite hit the mark.....

Romania: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret you will be unbearable.

Russia: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

Italy: If service is required, give two strokes to the maid and three to the waiter.

Spain: Our wine list leaves you with nothing to hope for.

Denmark: In the event of fire, open a window and announce your presence in a seemly manner.

Canary Islands: If you telephone for room service you will get the answer you deserve.

*With thanks to

'Lost in Translation: Misadventures in English Abroad'
by Charlie Croker (Michael O'Mara Books, £9.99)



The boiler only worked if the
Verger switched it on

INFORMATION



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To find a church simply go to AChurchNearYou.com and type in your chosen location. You could also visit our website: www.klmm-parishes.org.uk or follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/klmmparishes