



Benefice Newsletter

Kirk Langley, Mackworth,
Mugginton, Long Lane & Longford

February 2026



Our Services

February 1st

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

Holy Communion - 10.30am - Christ Church, Long Lane

February 8th

Holy Communion - 8am - Halter Devil Chapel

Morning Prayer - 9.15am - Christ Church, Long Lane

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

February 13th

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

February 15th

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

Holy Communion - 9.30am - All Saints', Mugginton

February 18th

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion - 11.30am - St Michael's, Kirk Langley

February 22nd

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

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



Pocket Money is Beating Inflation!



A good way to beat inflation these days is to be a child. The amount of their weekly pocket money has been rising faster than inflation, according to a recent survey by the GoHenry banking service for six- to 18-year-olds. Last year, on average, youngsters earned £10.73 a week. This was about 8 per cent up from the 2024 average of £9.92. (Inflation has been at most about 3%.) GoHenry's survey found some of the ways in which children earn their pocket money. The most common jobs are: Tidying bedrooms – £1.12; Getting ready for school (includes homework) – £1.35; Helping around the house – £1.18; Looking after yourself (includes cleaning teeth) – £1.24; and caring for pets – £1.37. The top-paying jobs are: Looking after plants – £1.91; Being good – £1.46; Practising music – £1.44; Looking after pets – £1.37; Getting ready for school – £1.35.





A PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Almighty God,
you call your Church in every age
to proclaim the Gospel of Christ:
look with mercy upon your servant Sarah,
and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need,
as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament,
and as bishop, guard the faith
and build up the body of Christ in holiness.
Giver her wisdom and kindness
that as archbishop, she may promote unity, seek truth,
and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Historic Confirmation of Election

Bishop Sarah Mullally has officially become the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Confirmation of Election service has taken place at St Paul's Cathedral and the legal responsibilities of the role have been formally handed over to her. The Installation of the Archbishop in March will mark the start of her public ministry, but the Confirmation of Election is important because it formally gives the new Archbishop the responsibility to lead, care for and guide the Church in her diocese and across the province.



 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Countdown to Easter - Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday falls on 17th February this year. Traditionally, it is a day to use up rich foods like fats, eggs and dairy before the fasting and abstinence of the Lenten season which begins the following day on Ash Wednesday. The name comes from the old word 'shriving', which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. In Anglo-Saxon England, Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul. In other words, they would be 'shriven'. Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter and is also known as 'Pancake Day' because these were often enjoyed as a way to use up ingredients before Lent.

A Day at the Races

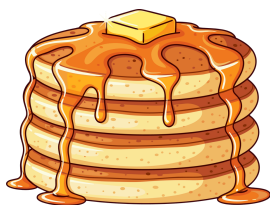
Pancake races are a fun Shrove Tuesday tradition. In this mad-cap activity, people race each other whilst tossing a pancake in a pan. Today, pancake races are often organised to raise money for charity and help those in need.

The story goes that this tradition originated way back in 1445, in the town of Olney in Buckinghamshire. A woman was so busy making pancakes that she lost track of time. When she heard the church bells ringing for the Shrove Tuesday mass, she ran as fast as she could to make it, and arrived still carrying her pancake in the pan! The people of Olney have held a pancake race almost every year since 1445!



"Finally, we're still waiting for someone from last week's Parent & Toddler Group to come and claim this lost property..."

FEAST



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Did you know?

Pancakes have become such a popular Shrove Tuesday tradition that on this day, a whopping 52 million eggs are used in the UK alone! That's 22 million more than your average day. Egg-citing stuff!

In other countries, Shrove Tuesday has different names. In Germany, for example, it's called 'Fastnacht' (meaning 'Eve of the Fast') and in Iceland it's called 'Sprengidagur' (meaning 'Bursting Day'). In France and some other parts of the world, the festival is called 'Mardi Gras', from the French phrase meaning 'Fat Tuesday'.

Dubious Pancake Jokes

Did you hear about the angry pancake? He just flipped.
What did the young pancake say to the old burnt pancake?
I don't like your flip side.

How do you make a pancake smile? Butter him up.
What's the best pancake topping? More pancakes.
When the little boy was making pancakes why did the batter run away? Because it said crack 2 eggs then beat it!

INFORMATION



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