

# Langdon Parish Council

December 2023



**BEST WISHES FOR  
CHRISTMAS  
AND THE NEW  
YEAR**



With just under two weeks before Christmas Day, the towns and villages have been colourfully decorated to give a feeling of warmth and hope during the long winter evenings. In our parish the traditional Christmas Tree has been installed and lit in readiness for the “Carols on the Green” service which brings Langdon residents together in a spirit of friendship and community. Last week the very popular annual Wreath-Makin workshop produced a range of excellent designs, some of which are featured in this newsletter. These kinds of events are important ways in which we can grow our peaceful and caring community into 2024.

## CAROLS ON THE GREEN



**CAROLS ON THE GREEN  
AT  
EAST LANGDON  
WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER  
6.30 pm  
followed by  
seasonal refreshments at  
Church Farm Mews.  
There will be a collection  
for  
Demelza House.**

**Don't forget your torch  
and some money!!**

**Carols On The Green** is an open-air community event to welcome the Christmas season. It's a great opportunity to meet friends and sing carols around the Christmas Tree.

St Augustine's provides support for the parish's Christmas Tree that will be lit and decorated for all to see. Please feel free to tie a memorial ribbon or card onto the tree for whatever memory you may wish to leave.

## CHRISTMAS AT ST AUGUSTINE'S

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Christmas from the worshipping community at St Augustine's, East Langdon. Whether you are a regular worshipper from any creed, a non-believer or just “not for you,” I don't mind guessing that Christmas is something that you really look forward to being a time of giving and receiving.

The season of Advent precedes Christmas and is a time of waiting for the arrival of the baby Jesus on Christmas Day. There is an air of anticipation. Children and adults grow in excitement the closer we get to Christmas in anticipation as to what might be found in that stocking. Mums and Dads will be trying to persuade children to go to sleep on Christmas night otherwise Father Christmas will not come with gifts.

Christmas ... it's in the name. Yes, worshipping Christians hold services with joy and sing carols but also share “fizz” and mince pies on some of these occasions. We all hope you will have a great time so why not come along to some of the following events that are open to everybody?

Anthony Hyde – church warden

### St Augustine's December Services:

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** at 4.00pm Traditional Carol Service.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30pm - Carols on the Green at East Langdon (collection for Demelza House).

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** at 11.30 pm Midnight Communion.

### St Mary's West Langdon Service:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** at 9.30 am - Communion.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

### Langdon Neighbourhood Development Plan

Langdon Parish Council is well underway with our Neighbourhood Plan and a good number of residents have taken part in the six workshops during the year. We now move on to the Local Housing Needs Assessment and a questionnaire will be delivered to each parish household early in 2024 to gather data on the preferred type and size of any future developments in Langdon. To help with the costs of the project, the parish council has been awarded a grant of £7400 from the Government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. If approved at referendum by the parish, the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan for the area and be used by the parish council and Dover District Council to inform planning decisions.

If you haven't yet been involved, there is room on the steering committee and further workshop sessions will be advertised after the New Year. You can contact Chris Shaw at [chair@langdonpc.org.uk](mailto:chair@langdonpc.org.uk) to find out more about Neighbourhood Planning. Why not get involved to help shape your community?

### Parish Council Grants for local organisations

The parish council has a modest annual budget allocation to assist with community projects. Parish organisations will be invited to apply for a grant up to £250 in January. More details and application forms are on the website [www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk).

### Dover District Council Local Plan Consultation

Following the final public consultation (Regulation 19) earlier in the year, the Draft Local Plan was submitted for examination by the appointed independent Planning Inspector. The examination is a process that includes a series of hearing sessions that discuss matters relevant to the Plan. The Planning Inspector has been assessing whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and if it is 'sound'.

The Inspector will consider the evidence provided by the Council to support the plan and any representations which have been put forward by local people and other interested parties. In most cases the Examination will include hearing sessions which are held in public. At the end of the Examination the Inspector will send a report to the Council recommending whether or not they can adopt the plan. In most cases the report will recommend some changes that are necessary to allow the plan to be adopted. The final new District Plan will be adopted in 2024.

### Be Prepared for Winter Conditions

We have already experienced a short spell of icy conditions which made driving difficult on the untreated roads.

For advice and updates take a look at Kent Highways website [Winter service on our roads - Kent County Council](http://www.kent.gov.uk/winter-service-on-our-roads). The local yellow road grit bins around the parish are for treating icy lanes and extra grit is stored at the parish hall car park.

### Service of Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Over 30 people took part to remember the names inscribed on the war memorial at East Langdon Green. Our thanks go to Anthony and Jannine Hyde who led the service, organised the music and played "The Last Post."



Wreath-Making Workshop

This Newsletter is usually published by the parish council four times a year and distributed free to all Langdon households.

To contribute an article or help deliver, please email the editor Chris Shaw on [shawc01@hotmail.com](mailto:shawc01@hotmail.com).

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### Parish Council Meetings

*Usually every 3rd Monday of the month*

**December 11th - 7.30pm**

January 15th - 7.30pm

February 29th - 7.30pm

March 18th - 7.30pm

in East Langdon Parish Hall  
Please check public noticeboards or  
[www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk) for details.

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