

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley
with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

18th November 2018

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Sue Tomson

9.30 am Parish Communion, Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
Hymns: 388 - 242 - 170 - 328 - 287 - 259
Readers: David Adams and Emma Stratton
Intercessor: Sara Bedford

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 388 - 242 - 170 - 259
Reader: Nora Greeves

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

12.45 pm Christening for
Benjamin Kouwenberg in St Lawrence

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors and newcomers - please introduce yourself if you are new or a visitor.

If you usually receive **Communion** in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a **Blessing**, and if you carry a book with you the priest will know not to offer you the bread and wine.

Unfortunately, the 9.30 am service is, at present, **sound live** only on 'www.thesundayervice.org'. We hope to get pictures back soon.



Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

A **T-loop** is provided for hearing aid users.



For our younger members in St Lawrence:

Seekers for those aged 3 to 10 years (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;

Creche in the Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church

Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am service.



A **collection** is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please complete a gift aid envelope.

This money is fundamental to the life of the church: its ministry, mission and charitable giving.

As we receive no income from the Government or any other external body, we are reliant on the generosity of the community and our fundraising endeavours to ensure that the important work of the parish continues.

Many regular members of the congregation give by direct debit and so put nothing in the bag as it passes by.

*If you would like to set up a regular direct debit, please ask for a **Parish Giving Scheme** pack.*

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.

COLLECT: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12.1-3 Bible page 849
Most people know little more about this book than the story of Daniel in the lion's den. So a brief explanation. The book encourages Jews who were being persecuted during the reign of Antiochus, a Syrian ruler, which began with the destruction of the temple in 167 BC. Chapters 1-6 provide heroic role models of Jews (like Daniel) who remained faithful to Jewish law while serving a foreign king. Chapters 7-12 are about the promise of deliverance in the new Kingdom of God for those who remain faithful in the face of persecution. The Book's major theme is God's ultimate control.

Today's three verses point, in Christian reading, both to the general resurrection, which is still to come, and the resurrection of Jesus. It is about the 'new creation'.

SECOND READING Romans 8.18-25 Bible page 154
The new creation is already present in the world, waiting to be revealed. It is the hope of this which has led us to commit ourselves to following Christ into his new life. This hope is so exciting and glorious that any present suffering is as nothing compared to it. And this hope is shared not just by the human race, but by the whole of creation which is also in a bondage of its own. We are all in it together, the bondage and the hope of salvation.

GOSPEL: Mark 13.1-8 Bible page 48
The fact that the disciples were so impressed with the size and magnificence of the Temple set the scene for Jesus to talk about the "end" things. This is called the 'eschaton' (Greek for 'the last things'). The Temple pointed people to God but it also restricted their ability to relate to him because it was often seen as an end in itself. Today the contrast is between the church as a building and the fuller meaning of the church as the people of God; and between going to church and having a personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ. All sorts of things would happen. The Temple would be destroyed and there would be 'wars and rumours of wars'. We have to hang on and see beyond all that to Jesus, our risen, ascended and glorified Saviour and King.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

Lead me, Lord - Samuel Wesley

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only
That makest me dwell in safety.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS

- » for the ultimate victory of God over the powers of this world

PRAY FOR

- » a commitment to the risen Christ as Lord and Saviour
- » the Revd Guy Edwards, recently installed as Rector of Bushey (St James, St Paul's, Holy Trinity)
- » Benjamin Kouwenberg to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those who live in Tanners Wood Lane, for pupils & staff in Tanners Wood School, those who live in The Crescent
- » those who worship at the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Sandra Smalley : Betty Harris : Ben : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa

RIP

- » Roy Bratt (Standfield) : Gladys Scott : John Hellewell (Pat Hibberd's brother-in-law) : Ewan Mander (Pat Tuck's cousin)

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Psalm 93;
Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 19th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence

TUESDAY 20th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Mothers' Union meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 21st

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

FRIDAY 23rd

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 24th

- 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Friends of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in the church hall

NEXT SUNDAY

CHRIST THE KING 25th November 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill

- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche** in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill

- 11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
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- 6.30 pm Taize Service** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

NOTICES

CALENDARS, CHRISTMAS CARDS and RECIPE BOOKS on sale during coffee today or in the Office during the week:

Calendars for 2019 - £5 each;

Tin Church Christmas Cards in aid of The Friends of the Tin Church - £1.50 each; if you buy 5 cards they are £1.25 each; if you buy 10 cards they are £1.00 each;

St Lawrence Christmas Cards (£2.50 for 10), and

Cookery Books (£5 each).

► **WIFA INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE**

today starting at 12.00 noon at the Watford & District Synagogue (Nascot Road) then on to a Mosque, Hindu Temple, Catholic Church and finishing at the Gurdwara. All welcome.

► The Friends' of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union **COFFEE MORNING** is on Saturday 24th November between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm in the church hall. Refreshments (including bacon butties!), raffles, cakes & preserves, Christmas decorations and gifts, Please come and support both groups.

► The London Central Fellowship Band of the **SALVATION ARMY Christmas Concert** in St Lawrence Church on Saturday 8th December at 7.00 pm. Free entry; refreshments provided; all welcome!

► The **TRAVELLING CRIB** will be leaving on Sunday 2nd December - if you would like to host it for an evening please sign the list in either church or contact Carol Higgs on 678457.

► Please take a Children's Society candle collecting box to fill with loose change; to be returned at the **CHRISTINGLE** Second Sunday Communion Service on Sunday 9th December at 9.30 am.

MESSY CHURCH - Wednesday, 12th December, in the Methodist Church hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm. If you are free to help on the second Wednesday of the month please speak to Peter or to Wendy Meldrum to find out what is needed - or just turn up!

► We have a limited number of Christmas **TRAIDCRAFT** catalogues; if you can look on line (<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>) for what you would like to buy, write it down and then order through Norman Meldrum, the church will benefit.

► Please sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** and support the church as you order your Christmas gifts (or your supermarket shop). www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** - current needs are pasta sauces, and canned food, especially meat, fish, vegetables and fruit - also toiletries.

► **RED BOX** - sanitary wear and knickers for teenage girls - box in back of St Lawrence.

► Jill Waghorn would like help at the **CANDLELIGHT SERVICES** on Christmas Eve to 'dress' those taking part. Please speak to Jill about which service(s) you can help with.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for November - please take a copy (40p).

► We are being asked increasingly to give **LIFTS** to people for the 9.30 am service in St Lawrence - if you can offer lifts please let the office know - it won't necessarily tie you to every week but so we know who we can call on - thankyou.

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If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter directly.

