

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

24th February 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with
Seekers and Creche**
in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 17 - 242 - 114 - 237 - 52 - 380
Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
Hymns: 17 - 242 - 114 - 380
Reader: Janette Noonan

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

7.30 pm Pilgrim Course in the
Breakspear Room

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 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.

The 9.30 am service is **recorded live** on 'www.thesunday.org' each week. No members of the congregation will be seen on camera.



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 children of primary school age (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: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2 vv 4b-9, 15-25

Bible page 2

The garden of Eden story is about the beginning of human life and culture as well as the first human wrong doing and its punishment. It is an allegory or a story told in symbols. It is not historical truth. It is 'true' in the sense that it shows the origin of awareness, in every generation, of life's difficulties and the need for human interdependence. By the end of the story (ch 3 v 24 – well after today's reading ends) the groundwork for civilized life has been laid. Behind the story is the theological truth that people are born free, in the will of God, to obey or disobey.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 4

Bible page 245

The first book of the Bible (Genesis) begins with truth expressed in symbolic language. So does the last, the Revelation to John. The word 'revelation' is a translation of the original Greek word 'apocalypse'. An apocalypse is usually a first-person narrative in which the author relates a vision about the future of the heavenly world. Its purpose is not to baffle us (which it easily does) nor to be irrelevant, any more than poetry is irrelevant. It is an attempt to express in language what is beyond language: the heavenly worship of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 8 vv 22-25

Bible page 65

This short story of Jesus calming a storm may, or may not, be literally true. Certainly it is common today for storms to be whipped up suddenly, and to subside equally quickly, on the Sea of Galilee. The truth behind the story is that Jesus restores, makes safe, and calms.

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am *Te Deum* in Bb by Stanford

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy:

Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the creative power of God

PRAY FOR

- » a sense of wonder, of worship and of human interdependence
- » our local schools as they return after the half term break
- » those who live in Blenheim Road, Bluebell Drive: Booksellers' Retreat
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for their lay pastor, Paul Brooks

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Karen Clark : Ada : Kathleen Charles : Paul Maxted : Andrew Cummings : Brian McIntosh : Sandra Smalley : Ben : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa

RIP

- » Sheila Whitton (ex Kindersley Way) : Joyce Seabrook : Dorothy Hewson

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT 3rd March 2019

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler

11.15 am Holy Communion in Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

12.45 pm Christening for Archie Ashworth

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: Sally Sanderson

6.30 pm Youth Group in the
Breakspear Room

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 25th

Fairtrade Fortnight begins

- 1.00 pm Funeral of Joyce Seabrook in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 26th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm
- 12.30 pm Lunch prior to Pilgrim Couse in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall

Wednesday 27th

- 10.30 am Carers Network in the Methodist hall
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm CTAL Lent Course begins in the Breakspear Room
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 28th

- 1.40 pm Funeral of Dorothy Hewson at the Crematorium
- 8.00 pm CTAL Lent Group begins in St Pau's Vicarage
- 8.00 pm Housegroup at 6 Kindersley Way

Friday 1st March

- 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 World Day of Prayer service at St Saviour's
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 2nd

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party, St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Marriage Prep in the Breakspear Room
- 12.00 noon Pancake Party in the church hall
- 2.00 pm District Striking Competition in St Lawrence tower
- 4.00 pm Burial of Ashes of Philip Southwell

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36

NOTICES

► **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - it is renewed every six years and this is one of the renewal years. If you are a regular worshipper (at least monthly) at any service in either church please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church Office by 8th April. There are also packs to join **PLANNED GIVING** (if you are not already a member) as your membership of the Electoral Roll has financial implications for the amount we pay to the Diocese.

► **PILGRIM COURSE** - last one tonight (7.30 pm) and Tuesday (12.30 pm).

► **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) takes place in St Saviour's at 2.00 pm on Friday 1st March - all welcome.

► Shrove Tuesday is not in half term week so the Mothers' Union has decided to hold their annual **PANCAKE PARTY** in the church hall on Saturday 2nd March from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm. It's open to everyone not just MU members. There is a charge of £4 per person (cheese roll, pancake and drinks) with profits going to the work of the Mothers' Union.

► There is a District **BELL STRIKING COMPETITION** next Saturday (2nd March) from 2.00 to 3.30 pm in St Lawrence tower.

► Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Society **BRING IT & SING IT 'IOLANTHE'** in the Henderson Hub on Saturday 2nd March at 3.00 pm. If you've ever wanted to be a fairy or member of the House of Peers this is your chance. There is no rehearsal for the chorus so just come along and enjoy singing or just watching and listening. Scores will be available to borrow or bring your own. Two of our church choir members are taking principal roles - Katherine Bunting as Phyllis and Brenda Southorn as the Fairy Queen. Russell Stratton is reprising his role as Lord Tolloller. It will be a fun afternoon.

► Please return your **PALM CROSS** to church by next Sunday (3rd March) so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

► The **FLOWERS** in St Lawrence this week are donated in memory of **Joyce Seabrook**, whose funeral is tomorrow.

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE

Thank you to all those who supported the **Curry Evening** on Monday 18th February - £380 was raised. Some dates for your diary: the next event is the **Puzzle and Toy Fair** on Saturday 27th April in the church hall; please look out all the jigsaws and toys (in good condition) that you no longer need as others might like to buy them; 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the church hall. Then on Saturday 11th May, there will be a **Safari Supper**; hosts are still needed so if you can provide a main course for between six and ten guests in your house please contact Sue Coultrup.

► **LENT** will soon be upon us - **Ash Wednesday is 6th March** (services with ashing at 12.00 noon and 8.00 pm). Churches Together has arranged for Lent Groups to take place on each day of the week but **some groups start this week**. Please sign up to a day and time which suits you - sign up sheets are at the back of both churches.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for March - please take a copy (40p). We hope you will continue your subscription (£4.80) into 2019 - please pay your deliverer or via the office.

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

