

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

11th November 2018

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Remembrance Sunday



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Reader: Mike Jefford

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: Ten thousand reasons - O the deep,
deep love of Jesus - The Lord's my shepherd -
God is our strength and refuge

10.50 am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial immediately followed by a **Service of Remembrance** in St Lawrence

12.30 pm 'The bells ring out' at St Lawrence

3.00 pm Service of Remembrance
in Bedmond

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

7.05 pm The bell tolls at Bedmond

8.00 pm 'Now that the guns have stopped' -
a reflective hour at Bedmond

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: Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3.1-5,10

Bible page 875

This is the heart of the story. God persists in loving the people of Nineveh, however they had behaved, and calls Jonah to warn them of what will happen if they don't repent.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9.24-end

Bible page 221

The contrast between the earthly priests who had to offer sacrifices repeatedly, and Jesus Christ whose sacrifice of himself on behalf of all people was a once-for-all action.

GOSPEL

Mark.1-14-20

Bible page 33

Jesus had lived in Galilee, the northern part of the country, and it was here that he began his public ministry and called his first disciples to be with him. His preaching isn't focussed on himself but on God. It is the time for the fulfilment of the Jewish hopes: 'the time is fulfilled' (v15) - that God would intervene in the affairs of the world, establish himself as king; and that his kingly rule would be acknowledged by everyone. Verses 16-20 are compressed. There's no point in speculating why they responded without a second thought. The point is that Jesus calls and others (including ourselves) follow.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Remembrance



O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you

those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names
we will never know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment
of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those
who wish us harm.

As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the supreme hope offered by Jesus' death and resurrection
- » the peace and stability we enjoy
- » the first disciples and for all God's church

PRAY FOR

- » a sense of the kingdom of God
- » faith to step out and follow Christ
- » the survivors of wars and violent conflicts of all kinds, especially from the two World Wars
- » the Royal British Legion and all organisations supporting veterans of the armed forces and their families
- » those who live in Tanners, Tanners Hill, Tannerswood Court
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for their Lay Pastor, Paul Brooks

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Gladys Scott (Leavesden) : Thelma Craine

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16;
Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-8

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 12th

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

TUESDAY 13th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Parochial Church Council meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 14th

- 10.15 am Corporate Communion for the Mothers' Union in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Patricia Pearce
- 3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 9.00 pm Budget Meeting in the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 16th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- NO AHAL Coffee this morning
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 17th

- 2.00 pm Children & Communion session in the Breakspear Room

NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 18th November 2018

- 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 Jos Perris
- 11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall
- 12.45 pm Christening** for Benjamin Kouwenberg in St Lawrence
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

NOTICES

► Peter Jowsey writes: Do join us if you can for an evening meal at the Cinnamon Lounge in Kings Langley tomorrow, 12th November, at 7.30 pm. It's in aid of **CHRISTIAN AID** locally and costs £13.00 per person. Please let Peter know today (268552) if you'd like to go along.

► Where would you find an extrovert tour guide, a country house, tourists, an official guide inspector, attempted murder and some comedy? Answer – the Henderson Hub where Abbots Langley Players will perform "**LETTICE AND LOVAGE**" by Peter Shaffer from Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th November at 7.45 pm and Saturday 17th at 3.30 pm. Tickets £10 from 0844 804 5354 or online at www.abbotsplayers.co.uk

► **WIFA INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE** on Sunday 18th November starting at 12.00 noon at the Watford & District Synagogue then on the the Mosque, Hindu Temple, Catholic Church and finishing at the Gurdwara. All welcome.

► The Friends' of St Lawrence and Mothers' Union **COFFEE MORNING** (with bacon butties!) is on Saturday 24th November between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm in the church hall. Please come and support both charities.

► 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.

► **TIN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS** in aid of The Friends of the Tin Church are now on sale in the Church Office; we still have **St Lawrence** ones too, and **cookery books**.

'BACK TO THE FRONT' PROJECT:

► **GREAT WAR EXHIBITION** continues in St Lawrence until Sunday 18th November - open 10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily except Wednesday mornings. This table-top exhibition features the life and times of the people from local villages throughout the First World War.

► **'NOW THAT THE GUNS HAVE STOPPED'** - Brian Hibberd will lead a reflective hour of music, poetry, readings and prayerful quiet to mark the end of the First World War, suitable for people of any faith or none. In the Tin Church, Bedmond at 8.00 pm on Sunday 11th November.

MESSY CHURCH - Wednesday, 14th November, 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.

► 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).

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

