

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

17th February 2019

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 15 - 442 - 313 - 360 - 334 - 188
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 15 - 442 - 313 - 188
Reader: June Tanner

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer 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, newcomers and to those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read - 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.thesundayervice.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, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17 vv 5-10 Bible page 730
This is a short section of 'wisdom' literature: a poem (vv 5-8), a rhetorical question (v9) and a first hand proverb (v10). If we trust in anything other than God we shall be like 'a parched place in the wilderness'. If we trust in the Lord we shall be like 'a tree planted by water'. We are devious people.

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 15 vv 12-20 Bible page 173
Paul argues that those who do not hope for the resurrection of the dead are in effect denying Christ's resurrection. Therefore the central point of the Christian Gospel collapses and our faith 'is in vain'. Faith is a delusion and 'we are of all people most to be pitied'. But Christ has been raised from the dead, and therefore the rest of humanity has hope.

GOSPEL: Luke 6 vv 17-26 Bible page 61
Both Matthew and Luke record what we know as the beatitudes. Matthew spiritualises them so that the poor and hungry are interpreted as those with certain moral and religious principles – people who are aware of their spiritual poverty and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Luke's is a simpler version. The poor and the hungry are those for whom the kingdom is already beginning to break in. Because of their situation they are already in a state of emptiness which makes them dependant on God. This is not easy for most of us to take, except in theory. Until we are aware of need, it is impossible for us to respond to God. And, generally speaking, those who have sufficient of the good things of life – those with an adequate income and a roof over their heads – find it hard to rely totally on God. It is a challenging piece.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:
Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

'Blest are the pure in heart'
by Walford Davies

Blest are the pure in heart
For they shall see our God
The secret of the Lord is theirs
Their soul is Christ's abode

Still to the lowly heart
He doth himself impart
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the Pure in heart

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » a God who is utterly trustworthy and can meet our deepest needs

PRAY FOR

- » a willingness to share what we have
- » a willingness to be empty so that we may be filled with Christ
- » all who are married or preparing for marriage (this is designated National Marriage Week)
- » those who live in Bell Lane, Berkeley Close, Bishops Court
- » the YMCA Chaplaincy at Woodside and for Chaplain Chris Moffatt

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Dorothy Hewson : Shirley : Joyce Seabrook : Jeanine Sherratt : Violet Dicker

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off all week

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end; Psalm 65;
Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 18th

- 7.00 for 7.30 Friends of St Lawrence Curry Night at Abbots Tandoori
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 19th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm
- No Pilgrim Course this week

Wednesday 20th

- 10.30 am Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Deanery Synod meets at St Andrew's, Watford

Friday 22nd

- 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

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President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

11.15 am Holy Communion in Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence
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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 at either church then please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church Office by 8th April at the latest. 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** on 'The Beatitudes' this evening at 7.30 pm - but not on Tuesday this week - in the Breakspear Room. Books (£5) are available at meetings.

► If you didn't manage to get to the **Malawi Presentation** last year, there is an opportunity to see a slightly shorter presentation at a **DEANERY SYNOD OPEN MEETING** this Wednesday (20th February) at St Andrew's in Watford at 7.45 for 8.00 pm. Please speak to Pam Rastall if you would like a lift.

► Please return your **PALM CROSS** to church so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

► **LENT** will soon be upon us - **Ash Wednesday is 6th March**. Churches Together has arranged for Lent Groups to take place on each day of the week but some groups for various reasons start before Lent begins. Please sign up to a day and time which suits you - sign up sheets are at the back of both churches.

► Shrove Tuesday is late this year and 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.

► **FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE CURRY NIGHT** at the Abbots Tandoori tomorrow, Monday 18th February, at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. £17 per person. Contact Sue Coultrup (334387).

► The **COAT OF ARMS**, which usually hangs above the main door of St Lawrence has been removed from the wall and taken away for conservation. This is being paid for using a legacy left to the Friends of St Lawrence. It will return by Easter.

► An application for a faculty has been made for a new **ALTAR** for the Corpus Christi Chapel in St Lawrence, to be paid for by an anonymous donor; further details about the application are on the main door. It will enable the Chapel to be used regularly when there is a smaller number of people at services.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for February - 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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