

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

10th February 2019

4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY

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

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: Bless the Lord, O my soul - 235 -
O the deep, deep love of Jesus -
53 - 571

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
Hymns: 288 - 106 - 321 - 354
Reader: Linda Ball

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: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6.1-8

Bible page 645

The call of Isaiah is one of the most striking descriptions in the Old Testament of a person having a vision or an awareness of God. The call came in the Temple at Jerusalem about 740 BCE – the probable date of King Uzziah's death. The prophet was afraid of the consequence of seeing God. But God, himself, through the symbolism of a seraph, forgave his sins and gave him confidence to accept his call.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Bible page 172

There were many in Corinth who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Paul goes back to the 'good news I proclaimed to you'. It was his gospel, he said on which you took your stand and which is even now bringing you to salvation. Telling the Christian story – 'Christ died ... was buried ... and was raised' - was, and is, the way of telling people what the Christian faith is about. The resurrection of Christ is the focal point for Christian belief and Christian preaching.

GOSPEL

Luke 5.1- 11

Bible page 59

This story of Jesus' call of his first disciples echoes the Old Testament reading from Isaiah. There and elsewhere (Moses in Exodus 3 and Gideon in Judges 6) men sense a direct call from God to leave their usual tasks and focus on people. The Sea of Galilee was also called the Lake of Gennesaret (v1) because that word means 'harp' and the lake is in the shape of a harp. As well as taken at face value, the story also suggests that in the divine presence people are aware of their own sinfulness (v8). But Jesus is always encouraging. 'Do not be afraid' is a sign of encouragement, 'From now on you will be catching people' is a statement of confidence.

POST COMMUNION

PRAYER: Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » for our call to be Christians

PRAY FOR

- » courage, an awareness of the glory of God and confidence in witnessing to him
- » those who live in Belgrave Drive and Bell Close; for all who teach or attend Bedmond Academy
- » those who worship at St Saviour's RC Church and for Frs Richard and Christopher SDS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Joyce Seabrook : Jeanine Sherratt : Violet Dicker

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 11th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower
- 8.00 am Churches Together Committee meets in the Methodist small hall

Tuesday 12th

- 10.15 am Funeral of Violet Dicker in Tin Church followed by cremation
- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm
- 12.30 pm Lunch followed by Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall

Wednesday 13th

- 11.00 am Mothers' Union meets in the Breakspear Room
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion (including Corporate Communion for the MU) in St Lawrence
- 3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 14th

- 10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gdns

Friday 15th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 12.15 pm Funeral of Jeanine Sherratt in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 1.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

17th February 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 Peter Waddell
- 11.15 am **Holy Communion** in Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall
- 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm **Pilgrim Course** in the Breakspear Rm

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Beatitudes' this evening at 7.30 pm and on Tuesday afternoon beginning at 12.30 pm with a light lunch - both in the Breakspear Room. Books (£5) are available at meetings.

► **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 a **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 will be a small charge with profits going to the work of the Mothers' Union.

► **FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE CURRY NIGHT** at the Abbots Tandoori on 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.

► Shopping on-line? Don't forget to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** before you shop - most of the major stores are listed - **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley**

► **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.

► **QUIET CONTEMPLATION** begins at 11.15 am on Wednesdays.

► **MIDWEEK COMMUNION** on Wednesday at 12.00 noon in the Corpus Christi Chapel. The service will be followed by soup and a roll in the Breakspear Room. All welcome.

► **ASCENSION ACORNS** is a new group which has just started in the Tin Church, Bedmond on Fridays from 1.00 to 2.30 pm - for parents/carers and their babies and toddlers - all welcome.

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

