

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

2nd December 2018

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Dennis Spooner

**9.30 am Parish Communion, Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 209 - 98 - 193 - 295 - 452 - 336  
Readers: Jan Palmer & Ian Donald  
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

**11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris  
Hymns: 209 - 98 - 193 - 336  
Reader: Linda Ball

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

**6.30 pm A Service of Readings and Carols for Advent** 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.

The 9.30 am service is **screened 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 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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 33.14-16

Bible page 749

The holy city of Jerusalem was sacked, as Jeremiah had predicted, and the Jewish people in exile endured a long period of disillusionment. But there was also a promise to reassure those tempted to abandon their faith and religious heritage, a vision of a restored kingdom and a king descended from David reigning in righteousness once more.

**SECOND READING** I Thessalonians 3.9-end

Bible page 201

This is probably the earliest of Paul's letters, written in about AD 49 to the young Christian community that had flourished beyond all expectation, whose enthusiasm encouraged Paul, now in Corinth, to continue his missionary work. Until he is able to visit them again, he reminds them of the coming *parousia*, the return of Christ in glory and in judgement.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 21.25-36

Bible page 82

The Gospel readings for this new Church year are based on Luke, and we begin with the last words of Jesus' teaching before his Passion. Using images from Isaiah, Jeremiah, the Psalms and Daniel, Jesus warns of the signs of the end of the age. Luke stresses the positive, joyful hope of Christ's coming in glory, for redemption and the kingdom of God are near.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** O Lord God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM at 9.30 am** - The Truth from above

*English Traditional Carol; Arranged by Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

1 This is the truth sent from above  
The truth of God, the God of love,  
Therefore don't turn me from your  
door,  
But hearken all both rich and poor.

2 This first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create;  
The next thing which to you I'll tell  
Woman was made with man to dwell.

3 Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose;  
And so a promise soon did run  
That he would redeem us by his Son.

4 And at that season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear;  
He here did live, and here did preach,  
And many thousands he did teach.

5 Thus he in love to us behaved,  
To show us how we must be saved;  
And if you want to know the way,  
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the promise of Christ's return in glory
- » the vision of God's kingdom of justice and righteousness
- » the assurance that Jesus is not only our Judge but our Saviour

### PRAY FOR

- » our keeping of a faithful Advent
- » comfort and hope for all who are anxious or fearful about the future
- » those who live in The Grange, The Graylings,, The Hideaway
- » those who worship at St Lawrence, and for Peter, Angela, Guy and Brian

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Brian Higgs : Stephen : Sandra Smalley : Betty Harris : Ben : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa

### RIP

- » Grace Baker : Roy Bratt : Gladys Scott

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11;  
Luke 3.1-6

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 3rd

- 10.30 am Abbots Langley School rehearsal in St Lawrence
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Scout Christingle in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence

### TUESDAY 4th

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

### WEDNESDAY 5th

- 10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.15 pm Funeral of Grace Baker in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 2.00 pm Breakspear School Carols in St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### THURSDAY 6th

- 5.30 pm Switching on St Lawrence outside Christmas Tree lights

### FRIDAY 7th

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

### SATURDAY 8th

- 11.00 am Making Christingles and decorating Christmas Tree inside St Lawrence
- 7.00 pm Salvation Army Christmas Concert in St Lawrence

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9th December 2018

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

**9.30 am Christingle Service with Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

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

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer** 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).

► This evening there will be a **SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT** at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence in place of Evening Prayer.

► 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 **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS** outside St Lawrence will be switched on at 5.30 pm on Thursday, 6th December; hot chocolate and marshmallows, free, between 5.00 and 6.00 pm. The **village lights** will be switched on at 6.30 pm with singing from 6.00 pm.

► The **TRAVELLING CRIB** leaves today - there are still spaces; contact Carol Higgs on 678457 asap if you'd like to join in.

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

► **CARITAS HARMONY**, an award winning ladies' choir, have a Christmas Concert in St Lawrence on Saturday 15th December at

**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!

7.00 pm in aid of the Friends of St Lawrence. Free entry; donations afterward.

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

► 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley)

► 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.

► 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.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for December - 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.*

