

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

4th November 2018

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 267 - 63 - 26 - 53 - 297 - 134
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 267 - 63 - 26 - 134
Reader: Martin Tanner

12.00 noon Burial of Ashes of Helen & Robert
Lewis in the Garden of Remembrance

12.00 noon Bell Toll for WWI soldier:
Thomas Higgins

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

3.00 pm Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance in St Lawrence
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

6.30 pm Evening Prayer 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.

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 and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 Isaiah 25.6-9 Bible page 662

It seems that the earliest forms of Hebrew religion were not actually that interested in death, or what happened after it—their focus was much more on righteous living here and now. However, the devastating experience of exile focused minds: how could God's promises come true in a world marked by failure and the final disappointment of death? The prophet Isaiah was one of the first to voice the recognition that in the end, death itself must be overcome.

SECOND READING Revelation 21.1-6a Bible page 257

A vision of God's purpose, having destroyed all evil, to create a new heaven and earth. With echoes of the Prologue to John's Gospel, God will dwell with his people, and will put an end to death and sorrow for mortals. As Jesus once dwelt among us, so in the heavenly Jerusalem we will dwell with God.

GOSPEL John 11.32-44 Bible page 102

In Jewish belief, the soul of a dead person ceased to hover over the body after the third day. So when John says Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days, it implies his death is complete and irrevocable. But Jesus confronts and defeats the powers of evil that cause sickness, grief and death. He gives life to Lazarus whom he loves, and he will give life to all those he loves.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord of Heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect

ANTHEM at 9.30 am: 'Holy is the True Light' by Harris

Holy is the True Light,
and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured
in the heat of the conflict.
From Christ they inherit
a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the hope of new life, freedom and fulfilment in Jesus
- » the encouragement and companionship of the saints

PRAY FOR

- » holiness and wholeness of life
- » all who mourn the death of a loved one
- » those who find it hard to trust God
- » those who live in Stirling Way, Summerhouse Way, Swallows Oak
- » YMCA Chaplaincy based at Leavesden Country Park including Chris Moffatt, Chaplain and Support Worker

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Thelma Craine : Brian Dorsett-Bailey

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-end;
Hebrews 9.24-end; Mark 1.14-20

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 5th

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

TUESDAY 6th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Property Committee in the B'spear Rm

WEDNESDAY 7th

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 8th

- 10.30 am Home Communion in Hanover Gardens

FRIDAY 9th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 10th

- 7.30 pm Friends of St Lawrence talk in the hall: The Revd Anders Bergquist on Sir John and Sir Arthur Evans

NEXT SUNDAY

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11th November 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
- 9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 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'** from St Lawrence Tower
- 3.00 pm Service of Remembrance** at the Tin Church, Bedmond
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.05 pm Ringing of the bell** at the Tin Church
- 8.00 pm 'Now that the guns have stopped'** - a reflective hour in the Tin Church

NOTICES

▶ Thank you to those who supported the **DEC TSUNAMI APPEAL** - £176.50 was raised.

▶ **'DISCOVERING LOST WORLDS'**, a fascinating talk by the Revd Anders Bergquist, trained archaeologist and former Curate in the parish, about two of our most distinguished local figures, Sir John Evans and Sir Arthur, his son, who both achieved international fame in the world of archaeology. Saturday 10th November, in the church hall at 7.30 pm. Entrance by ticket £5 from the Church Office; light refreshments provided.

▶ **CHRISTIAN AID fundraising meal** at Cinnamon Lounge in Kings Langley on Monday 12th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £13 - 269027.

▶ 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

▶ 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**.

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 only 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 still benefit.

▶ The Friends of St Lawrence are taking orders for **CHRISTMAS BOW TIES**; they also have **GREETINGS CARD** to sell - in the hall during coffee.

▶ **WATFORD FOODBANK** - current needs still pasta sauces, and canned food, especially meat, fish, vegetables and fruit - also toiletries.

▶ **RED BOX PROJECT**: various sanitary ware for teenagers - and drawstring bags 20x20 cm.

▶ 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).

▶ **QUINCES** - if anyone would like any, please get in touch with Sue Tomson (264946).

'BACK TO THE FRONT' PROJECT:

▶ **GREAT WAR EXHIBITION** is now 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.

▶ **'ONLY REMEMBERED'** - an evening of Great War songs and stories in the Henderson Hub at 7.30 pm from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th November and at 2.30 pm on Saturday 10th November. Free event; book a seat on 601280.

▶ **'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.

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

