

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



28th October 2018

BIBLE SUNDAY

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: 473 - 133 - 226 - 39 - 287 - 188
Intercessor: Liz Burns

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 473 - 133 - 226 - 188
Reader: John Noonan

12.30 pm Christening for Arche Hedges

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

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.



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 (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

*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: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.1-11

Bible page 696

The prophet portrays God offering nourishment and sustenance to all who will listen to his word. The covenant God made with David will be extended to the whole community, so that all can live in relationship with God. The thoughts and ways of the Lord are beyond our imagining but we can begin to know God through his word, and John's Gospel uses this image to show Christ as God's living Word.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Bible page 210

An important passage of scripture which claims that all scripture is inspired by God, and so is useful in equipping all God's people for every good work. Remembering that Christ is judge of all, Timothy is encouraged to proclaim God's message and teach patiently, though people will often choose to listen only to what suits them.

GOSPEL

Luke 4.14-22

Bible page 59

Jesus went to 'church' every week, Luke tells us (or rather, to the synagogue every Sabbath). On one special occasion, when it was his turn on the reading rota, he uses a passage from Isaiah (61.1-2) to reveal his own mission and purpose from God. Anointed with God's Spirit at his baptism, he is the one to bring good news, release, insight, freedom and God's favour to all. The Old Testament scripture is seen to be fulfilled in Jesus: he is the Good News.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am: "Jesu, Joy of man's desiring", music by JS Bach

Jesu joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd
with the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding,
Hark what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in thee confiding
drink of joy from death-less springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure
Thou dost ever lead thine own,
in the love of joys unknown.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the Bible, God's written word, through which we come to know God's living Word Jesus
- » the freedom we enjoy to read and study the Bible

PRAY FOR

- » grace to read and meditate on God's Word regularly
- » those who translate and interpret the Bible in each generation
- » the people of Indonesia following the earthquake and tsunami
- » Archie Hedges to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those who live in Standfield, Stewart Close, Stewart Lodge
- » those who worship at St Saviour's and for Frs Richard and Christopher SDS, their parish priests

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Thelma Craine (The Crescent) : Jean Harris

AVAILABILITY

Peter off Monday to Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24.1-6;
Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 29th

7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence

TUESDAY 30th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 31st

10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
10.30 am Carers' Network in the Methodist hall
11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the
Corpus Christi Chapel
7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

FRIDAY 2nd

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

SATURDAY 3rd

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party meets at
St Lawrence
10.00 am Great War Exhibition opens in
St Lawrence
2.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Peter Tomson in the
Garden of Remembrance

NEXT SUNDAY

ALL SAINTS DAY

4th November 2018

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12.00 noon Burial of Ashes of Helen and 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
followed by tea in the hall

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

NOTICES

► Many thanks to those who supported the **BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL** - £440.04 was raised for 'Give Peas a Chance' - a great result.

► **'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 7.30pm. Entrance by ticket £5 from the Church Office; light refreshments provided.

► **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**.

► 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.

'BACK TO THE FRONT' PROJECT:

► **GREAT WAR EXHIBITION** in the Tin Church until Friday 2nd November. Opening times: Sunday, 12.30 – 4.00 pm; weekdays 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. This table-top exhibition features the life and times of the people from local villages throughout the First World War. It will move to St Lawrence from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 18th November; open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily.

► **GREAT WAR TALK "The Man from the Bottom of My Garden"** in the Tin Church on Tuesday 30th October at 7.30 pm. Roger Yapp (Project Leader of 'Back to the Front') will tell the story of Walter Owen from Abbots Langley, and his exploits during the Great War. Suggested donation £2. Refreshments available.

► **'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.

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!

► 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

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

► **RED BOX PROJECT:** pantyliners; dark coloured knickers (age 9/10 upwards); deodorant; black opaque tights; Lil-lets teen-range of pads; and for sewers - hand-made drawstring bags 20x20 cm. Donations in the 'red box' at the back of St Lawrence.

► 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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