

## NOTICES

► **TAIZE SERVICE** this evening at 7.30 pm in St Lawrence - all welcome. See January's Outlook for further details.

► **FRIENDS CURRY NIGHT** on Monday 5th February at the Abbots Tandoori at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £16.50 each; available from Sue Coultrup (334387).

► **ABBOTS LANGLEY ORCHESTRA** is holding a free informal concert in the Community Centre tonight at 7.45 pm (the concert cancelled due to the snow in December) - all welcome, just turn up.

► **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** on 13th February at 12.00 noon in the church hall. As well as a pancake you will get a cheese roll and drink. There will also be a raffle and cake stall. All money raised will go towards Mothers' Union projects home and abroad. All welcome.

► **FRIENDS QUIZ** - if you had copies to sell please hand your money in to the Church Office. The **answers** are on the parish website ([www.abbotslangley.org.uk](http://www.abbotslangley.org.uk)) or collect a paper copy from the office.

► A quiet young man (aged 23) is looking for a **ROOM IN A HOUSE** with access to a kitchen; willing to pay up to £100 a week; within easy access of Harry Potter Studios. Contact Wendy Meldrum (267383) if you can help.

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for February. If you owe your subscription for 2018, please put it in the wall safe in church or drop it into the church office.

► **ABBEYFIELD ABBOTS LANGLEY** (sheltered accommodation in Greenways) has bed-sitting room vacancies at present. If you would like to look around please contact the House on 263541 or speak to Jan Palmer, Marcus Coultrup, Norman Meldrum or Pam Rastall for further information.

► **AL GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY** will be performing 'The Sorcerer' at Watford Palace from 31st January to 3rd February at 7.30 pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. The cast includes Andy Taylor as the vicar, Dr Dalas; Brenda Southorn as Lady Saugazwe; and Russell Stratton as the Sorcerer. Nikki Williams is a member of the chorus and Emma Stratton, the choreographer. Tickets available from the theatre 225671; [www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk](http://www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk)

► Please keep your **USED STAMPS** for the Hospice of St Francis. Leave them in the box at the back of either church or in the office.

► Before you next shop online remember to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** - to help raise church funds. Use this link [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley) - it won't cost you a penny but the church will benefit.

► The **FLOWERS** this week have been sponsored in memory of **Ron Haggith** and also **Pam Charman**.

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

## THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

28th January 2018

## CANDLEMAS

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



### TODAY

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Pam Haggith

#### 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Hymns: 296 - 118 - 26 - 428 - 452 - 158  
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

#### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

#### 7.30 pm Taize Worship for Candlemas

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 have been confirmed or 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.



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 at 9.30 am:

#### Crèche (0-3 years)

in the Breakspear Room  
with suitable toys;

#### Seekers (3-10 years)

in the church hall,

(except Second Sundays

when all in church together);

*(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)*

### Quiet Children's Corner in Church



If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for refreshments in the hall after the 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 for the local community

8.15 am Thursday

*A collection is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please use 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.*

*If you would prefer to set up a regular direct debit, please pick up 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 ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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** Malachi 3.1-5 Bible page 904

Malachi's contemporaries had become cynical and unbelieving, and because they had given up taking right and wrong seriously, the prophet confronts them with the coming judgment. All who ride roughshod over others reveal their rebellion against the Lord of hosts. (Fullers' soap was used for whitening cloth.)

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 2.14-end Bible page 216

Here we see why God's Eternal Son, Jesus, had to take on human form. In order to defeat death, Jesus had to die; in order to die, he had to be human. We know that the defeat of Satan, although certain, is not yet complete; in the meantime, we can resist the devil because Jesus, who was himself tempted, is able to help us.

**GOSPEL** Luke 2.22-40 Bible page 56

Israel's long time of waiting for the promised Messiah is summed up in Simeon and Anna. Simeon gives thanks to God; Anna declares the coming of redemption to the crowd in the temple. Yet even in the midst of the rejoicing, Simeon knows that the salvation for which they had waited so long would be opposed by many in Israel. He knows too that the Messiah has not only come to Israel, but also as the means by which God reveals himself to the rest of humanity, the 'Gentiles.'

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

**ANTHEM** at 9.30 am:

**Nunc Dimittis in B flat** composed by CV Stanford

Text (from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662):

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the faithful worshippers who keep the vision of salvation alive

### PRAY

- » all babies to be christened in the coming months
- » parents, Sunday School teachers, youth workers and all who help bring children up in the Christian faith
- » those we know who do not yet see the 'light for revelation to the Gentiles'
- » those who suffered during the Holocaust; all victims of mass genocide; and that we may learn from the past (*Holocaust Memorial Day was yesterday*)
- » the people of Malosa in Malawi; for those in St Luke's Hospital; for those who attend the Church of Ascension; and for the staff and pupils at the Secondary School
- » those preparing to marry this year
- » those who live in Arundell Road, Bagenhal House, Balmoral Road
- » those who worship at St Paul's, Langleybury and for the Revd James Webster

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Annie Rycroft : Robin Hill : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Sheila Hayes : Joe : Hazel Muskett : Sonya : Jenny Izzard : Maureen Chester : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Christine Viner (Magnolia Avenue) : Anthony Pink : Lilian Cooper

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Colossians 1.15-20;  
John 1.1-14

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 29th

- 12.00 noon Funeral of Anthony Pink at the Crematorium
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringers' practice in St Lawrence tower

### TUESDAY 30th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Room
- 10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House

### WEDNESDAY 31st

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### FRIDAY 2nd

- 10.00 am Craft Group 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
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

### SATURDAY 3rd

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence

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**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** at St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

**11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris

11.30 am Christening for Callum Bone

12.30 pm Christening for Katy Tomkies

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