

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

25th November 2018

CHRIST THE KING



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
Reader: David Staines

9.30 am Parish Communion, Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
Hymns: 393 - 148 - 26 - 484 - 335 - 103
Intercessor: Bill Sanderson

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
followed by congregational meeting
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
Hymns: 393 - 148 - 26 - 103
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

6.30 pm Taize Service 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: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Bible page 843

This passage is often read as one of the clearest prophecies of a kingly Messiah in the Old Testament. The eternal God is seated in judgement, but gives authority and kingship to a figure who is both human and heavenly. He also represents Israel, struggling to resist persecution from earthly powers, and God's faithful elect who will be vindicated and rewarded.

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b-8 Bible page 242

Like Daniel, the Book of Revelation is an apocalypse, a 'revealing' prediction of the future to encourage believers in the present. The reign of Christ has begun, and will be plain for all to see at the last when he comes in glory. The writer is so overwhelmed by God's majesty that he becomes wonderfully ungrammatical in his Greek!

GOSPEL John 18.33-37 Bible page 110

The weakness of earthly power is shown up against Jesus' kingship. Greater than the King of the Jews, Jesus is the King of Kings, and Pilate cannot even make him answer a question directly. Jesus on the other hand causes Pilate to answer his own question, 'So you are a king?' 'You said it.' He does not assert his power, but demonstrates the truth of God - a King who will be enthroned on a cross.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

'Above all praise and all majesty' - Felix Mendelssohn

Above all praise and all majesty
And above all majesty
Lord thou reignest evermore
Hallelujah

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the joy of worshipping Christ our King
- » those in power who follow Jesus' example of service
- » God's rule and sovereignty over all secular authority

PRAY FOR

- » earthly rulers – for integrity and concern for truth
- » those who live in The Fairway, The Firs, The Crescent
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church and for their stewards in this time without a minister

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Grace Baker (Hemel Hempstead) : Roy Bratt : Gladys Scott

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-9;
1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 26th

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

TUESDAY 27th

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

WEDNESDAY 28th

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

FRIDAY 30th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 11.45 am Funeral for Roy Bratt in St Lawrence followed by private cremation
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 1st December

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2nd December 2018

- 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** at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall
- 6.30 pm Service of Readings and Carols for Advent** 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).

► 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 **TRAVELLING CRIB** will be leaving next 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.

► Next Sunday is **ADVENT SUNDAY** - there will be a **Service of Readings and Carols for Advent** at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence in place of Evening Prayer..

► Please take a Children's Society candle collecting box to fill with loose change; to be returned at the **CHRISTINGLE** Second Sunday Communion Service on 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 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.

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!

► 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

► 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.

