

NOTICES

The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** for election of churchwards and the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** for election of PCC and Deanery Synod members; reporting of the 2016 Accounts and of the life of the parish will take next Sunday 30th April at 11.30 am in the hall - please come.

The **ANNUAL REPORT** and **ACCOUNTS** are available - donations would be welcome towards copying.

► **TINY TOTS** in the Breakspear Room every Monday during term time at 2.15 pm - all welcome with parents/carers.

► **QUIET REFLECTION** every Wednesday at 11.00 am in the Corpus Christi Chapel - a period of candlelit contemplativeness, prayer, silence and stillness.

► If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc then come along on a Friday afternoon to the **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION** at 2.00 pm with your needles and wool (not white) - or pick up a pattern to knit at home. There is a container going to Malawi on 10th June - other items needed include school uniforms, blankets, kitchen utensils - see list.

► **CARITAS HARMONY CONCERT** on 29th April at 7.00 pm in St Lawrence. Free entry - donations afterwards towards the Friends. See April Outlook for more details.

► Peter has produced a paper following the recent **PARISH CONVERSATIONS** - copies are available at the back of church, or on the website or can be emailed or printed if requested.

► **DAWN CHORUS DAY EVENT** on Saturday 6th May in St Lawrence churchyard at 5.15 am. There will be an expert on hand to help us to identify all the bird song. Please do join us. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk at approx 6.30 am.

► **CAKES AND COOKIES** needed and also **VOLUNTEERS** to help serve refreshments on the mornings/evening of the Spring Concert Series - please let the office know if you can provide cakes or help.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for April. Please take copies.

► The **MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)** meeting planned for 29th April has been postponed - a new date will be advised soon.

St Lawrence Church, Abbots Langley Spring Concert Series 2017 Saturdays during May



Tickets £5 for each concert (children free)

Saturday 6th May at 11.00 am refreshments from 10.30 am
Tom Winpenny - Organ

Saturday 13th May at 11.00 am refreshments from 10.30 am
The Southorn & Stratton family

Saturday 20th May at 7.30 pm refreshments from 7.00 pm
The London Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army

Saturday 27th May at 11.00 am refreshments from 10.30 am
Local Vocals; Parmiters School; Francis Combe Academy

St Lawrence Church registered charity no: 1130597

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If anyone needs the ministry of a priest,
or in any emergency at anytime,
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

23rd April 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Mike Jefford

**9.30 am Parish Communion including
Baptism and Confirmation with
Seekers and Creche**

President & Preacher: The Rt Revd Michael Beasley
Hymns: 53 - 90 - 5 - 454 - 26 - 495 - 328 - 81
Anthem: A Clare Benediction - John Rutter
Reader: Claire Edgerton

12.15 pm Christening of Blake Stanley

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

3.00 pm Wedding preparation
in the Church hall


6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

7.15 pm Malawi Trip meeting
in the Breakspear Room

WELCOME


Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to The Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford, families and friends of those to be baptised or confirmed, 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 sidesman 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
(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)
Quiet Children's Corner in Church

**Before the service, listen to God;
and after the service, listen to each other.**

**If you have come to the
9.30 am service please stay for
lunch in the church hall after
the service.**



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer
9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer
5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Pray for a Growing Church
10.15 am Monday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Holy Communion
9.30 am Monday
10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection
11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the parish & 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 standing order, as many others are, please contact Marcus Coultrup (334387).



THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.

COLLECT: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Pew Bible page 115

Taken from Peter's great speech on the day of Pentecost, the Resurrection of Christ is the root of the disciples' confidence in God. Jesus was raised from the dead: the power of death is nothing compared to God's mighty power. The resurrection foretold in Psalm 16, ascribed to King David, is fulfilled in Jesus.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1.3-9 Pew Bible page 229

The letters ascribed to the apostle Peter begin with praise of God and a summary of his blessings to us. We have been given new birth, a living hope and a glorious inheritance in Christ's resurrection. Even though we may suffer, it is to refine our faith, even though we have not seen Christ in physical form, we believe and rejoice in him.

GOSPEL John 20.19-end Pew Bible page 112

Thomas' doubt is famous: he was unwilling to believe what he had not seen with his own eyes. He has questions he wants answered before he will believe. And then he meets Jesus. His cry of recognition, "My Lord and my God!" is the climax of the Gospel; it shows that belief in God comes not through intellectual assent or credal formulae, but through an encounter with the resurrected Christ. And the encounter is not something to keep to ourselves: Jesus comes to the disciples and *sends them out*. The resurrection is good news for everyone.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2.14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off Friday



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » your encounter with Christ
- » the new life open to us through the resurrection

PRAY FOR

- » an experience and knowledge of the risen Christ
- » those who cannot accept the risen Christ
- » each of us when we doubt
- » those who are being baptised today: Blake Stanley, Aimee Baker, Roxanne Yau and those being confirmed: Roxanne Yau and Emily Kirby who are being confirmed
- » Tiny Tots and its leaders
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church
- » those who live in Gypsy Lane, Halifax Close and Hamilton Road

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Audrey Bird : Hazel Muskett :
- Gareth Williams : Val Brown : Sonya :
- Owen Nelson : Paul Goggins :
- Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard :
- Barbara Metcalfe : Lucie Shephard

R.I.P.

- » Edgar Mortimer (Enid's son) :
- Jean Armitage (Oak Green Way) :
- John Tapster : Harvey James :
- Sheila Gorman : Norman Lakey

The Anthem this week is:

A Clare Benediction

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
may the light of his presence be your guide :
may he guard you and uphold you;
may his Spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
when you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
may you love him and serve him all your days...
then in heaven may you see his face.

Text & Music: John Rutter

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 24th George, Martyr, Patron of England, 304

2.15 pm Tiny Tots meet in the Breakspear Room
7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
8.00 pm Preachers Workshop in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 25th Mark the Evangelist

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House
12.00 noon Burial of the Ashes of Dorothy Grieves
7.30 pm PCC meets in the Breakspear Room with Rt Revd Michael Beasley

WEDNESDAY 26th

10.15 am Holy Communion
7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 27th

12.00 noon Funeral of Sheila Gorman at The Church of the Ascension followed by cremation

FRIDAY 28th

10.00 am A Heart for Abbots Langley Coffee Morning in the Henderson hall
12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - George Arthur Martindale
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
6.15 pm Youth Choir practice

SATURDAY 29th Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

7.00 pm Friends Concert - Caritas Ladies Choir in St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
30th April 2017**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Preacher: Kate Carter

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Preacher: Kate Carter

11.30 am Annual Vestry Meeting followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church hall

3.00 pm Christening Preparation in the Breakspear Room

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell