

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

28th April 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche in St Lawrence
President; The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 422 - 24 - 26 - 186 - 14 - 362
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

11.15 am Holy Communion in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 422 - 24 - 26 - 362
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

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

7.30 pm Annual Vestry Meeting immediately followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in the hall

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 **recorded live** on 'www.thesundayservice.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.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday



For our younger members in St Lawrence:

Seekers (aged 3-10) start in church;

Creche in the Breakspare 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 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 5.27-32

Bible page 119

The apostles had been warned not to speak in Jesus' name. They had kept on preaching and so were brought before the Sanhedrin (the Jewish council). Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles were defiant in the face of a human authority which wanted to suppress the gospel: God was the only one to whom they owed obedience. Threats and imprisonment were as nothing against the power of God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1.4-8

Bible page 242

Here, grace and peace come from the triune God; but God the Son has the fullest description. Jesus Christ came into the world to bear witness to the gospel of salvation; he offered himself and died, then rose from the dead to obtain new life for the rest of God's children; he is now exalted as king of Kings and one day he will return when those who pierced him will at last recognise him and his own people will be expecting him, knowing that he is the Alpha and the Omega, both the beginning and end of all things.

GOSPEL

John 20.19-end

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.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

'This Joyful Eastertide' by Wood
(see hymn no 509)

God our Saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your risen Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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
- » the people of Northern Ireland
- » the people of Sri Lanka
- » those who live in Follett Drive; Furtherfield; Gable Close
- » all who worship at the Tin Church

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Joyce Sones : Martin Tanner : Alan : Ivy East : Stan Johnson : Karen Clark : Ada : Ben : Paul Maxted : Vanessa : Andrew Cummings : Sandra Smalley Sean Brosnan : Brian McIntosh

RIP

- » Anne Davison (Popes Road)
Anula Nikapota : Jenniffer Sullivan

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 5th May 2019

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

9.30 am Parish Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris

11.15 am Holy Communion in
the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: Sally Sanderson

6.30 pm Youth Group in the Breakspear Room

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 29th

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

Tuesday 30th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall

Wednesday 1st May

- 10.00.am Coffee Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am Funeral of Anne Davison at St Saviour's followed by cremation
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 2.20 pm Funeral of Jenniffer Sullivan at the Crem
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 2nd

- 1.15 pm Funeral of Anula Nikapota in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 8.00 pm Home Group in the Breakspear Room

Friday 3rd

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High St
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 4th

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Spring Concert in St Lawrence - Parmiters School musicians
- 2.00 pm Christening Preparation in the Breakspear Room

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 9.1-6; Revelation 5.11-14;
John 21.1-19

NOTICES

- The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** (to elect the churchwardens) and **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** (to receive the Accounts for 2018 and Vicar's Report) take place **this evening at 7.30 pm in the church hall**. Papers are available in both churches.
- **TAIZE SERVICE** this evening at 6.30 pm in St Lawrence.
- The **NEW HOME GROUP** meets this week on Thursday (2nd May) at 8.00 pm in the Breakspear Room. It is led by Angela Milton and Jane McHugh. Just come along or speak to Angela or Jane if you want to find out more.
- **SPRING CONCERT SERIES 2019** begins on Saturday 4th May with a performance by pupils from **Parmiters School** - a programme of instrumental music from these talented young musicians. Tickets on the door at £5 each (children free). **Future concerts** feature: the Southern/Stratton Family (11th May); Tom Winpenny, St Albans Cathedral organist (18th May) and The Friday Singers (25th May).
- **CELEBRATION 2019** is on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm at St Michael's Church and hall, Durban Road, Watford. Celebrating Watford's rich diversity of cultures, faiths and talents in music, dance, food, sacred space, kid's activities and a model railway - one town together. See further details on www.watfordcelebration.com
- There will be a **BIG BREKKIE** (bacon & sausage butties) in aid of **Christian Aid** on Sunday 12th May during coffee after the 9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service.
- **EXPLORING THE RESURRECTION** on Sunday 12th May in the Tin Church at 7.30 pm. Peter will lead this discussion. All welcome.
- Items needed for the **container** going out to **MALAWI** in May include: **ladies knickers** (all sizes) and **bandages** (assorted) - see separate leaflet for more details. There is a box at the back of church to put items in.
- **GOOD NEIGHBOURS** are desperate for more **DRIVERS** to take villagers to local appointments - if you want to find out what sort of commitment is required, please speak to Linda North or Marcus Coultrup.
- **OUTLOOK** (parish magazine) is available for May - please take a copy (40p). If you would like a copy delivered each month please contact the office to arrange this.

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

MESSY CHURCH

Next one: **Wednesday 8th May**; theme: **Pray! Pray! Pray!** in the Methodist church and hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm for all primary and younger aged children and parents/carers: stories, activities and fun, finishing with supper.

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