

NOTICES

The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** for election of churchwardens 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 place today at 11.30 am in the hall - please come.

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

► **EVENING QUIET** - this Tuesday 2nd May at 8.00 pm in the Corpus Christi Chapel. A time of quiet reflection and prayer.

► **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. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk at approx 6.30 am - all welcome.

► **HANGING BASKETS** with Petunias - for sale in aid of Watford Schools Trust £8 each or 2 for £15 - order via the church office by 7th May please.

► There is a container going to **MALAWI** on 10th June - for items needed please see the list.

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

► **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** 14th to 20th May. Please let the office know if you can help deliver and collect envelopes; all are welcome to join in on Sunday 14th May after the 9.30 am for the **BIG BREKKIE** campaign - share a meal and bring us together.

► Sunday 14th May is **WALK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**. If you are able to do so do think about walking to Church instead of bringing your car or maybe arrange a car share as a practical demonstration of your concern for the environment.

► **CHRISTIAN AID TEA PARTY** on Saturday 20th May at 3.00 to 4.30 pm at the Methodist Church. £7 on the day - all welcome.

► **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 May. Please take copies.

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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

30th April 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Preacher: Kate Carter
Hymns: 9 v's 1,2,3 & 7 - 324 - 133 - 226 - 56
Anthem: If ye love me - Thomas Tallis
Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

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

3.00 pm Christening Preparation in the Church hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr 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.

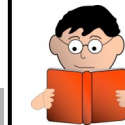


Please tell a sidesman before the service if you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

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 a cup of tea or coffee in the church hall after the service.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer
9.30 am Tuesday to Friday
Evening Prayer
5.15 pm Tuesday to Friday
Evening Quiet
8.00 pm Tuesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)
Holy Communion
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).



St Lawrence Church,
Abbots Langley

Spring Concert Series 2017

Saturday 6th May
Tom Winpenny - Organ
Refreshments from 10.30 am / Concert at 11.00 am



Tickets available on the door
£5 for each concert (children free)

Spring Concert dates:

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: 1138597

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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

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

COLLECT: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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, 36-41 Bible page 115

Peter's proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah wins a great response from the Jewish crowd who are 'cut to the quick' and Peter invites them to express their faith and repentance in baptism. The action associated with John the Baptist now acquires a new meaning from the death and exaltation of Christ – by baptism in his name, they will become his people and receive his Spirit like the apostles.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1.17-23 Bible page 230

God was said to have ransomed his people from slavery in Egypt, and from the Exile in Babylon. Now he is described ransoming us from exile and the power of evil in this life through the blood of Christ, our Paschal Lamb. The final stage of history has begun and we wait in faith and hope for God's eternal promises to be fulfilled.

GOSPEL Luke 24.13-35 Bible page 86

As Jesus walks with two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus, they do not recognise his presence at first, but their hearts burn within them as he unfolds the layers of meaning in Scripture, and he reveals himself to them in the breaking of the bread. Luke's story is the model for how we know Jesus' presence most clearly on our life's journey – when we read the Bible and hear the voice of Jesus speaking to us, and when we gather to break bread together in Communion.

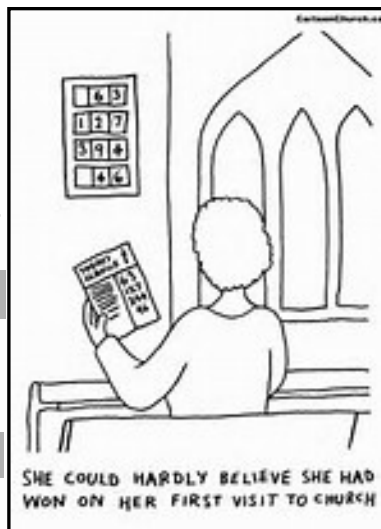
POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2.42-end
1 Peter 2.19-end
John 10.1-10

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off Friday



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who campaign for justice and human rights
- » all who have a good influence on the young
- » those who have accompanied us on our journey of faith

PRAY FOR

- » those who do not know the comfort of God's presence
- » our witness and service to the local community
- » Jonathan and Jasmine Schmid on their First Wedding Anniversary
- » those preparing for baptism
- » Seekers (Sunday school) and its leaders
- » those who worship at St Lawrence Church
- » those who live in Hammer Parade, Harlech Road and Harthall Lane

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

R.I.P.

- » Edgar Mortimer : Jean Armitage :
- John Tapster : Sheila Gorman

The Anthem this week is:

If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever
ev-n the spirit of truth.

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 1st Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 2nd Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria,
Teacher of the Faith, 373

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
12.45 pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of
John Tapster in St Lawrence preceded
by private family Cremation

WEDNESDAY 3rd

10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning
10.15 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier -
William Frederick Muskett
7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 4th English Saints and Martyrs of the
Reformation Era

FRIDAY 5th

10.00 am A Heart for Abbots Langley Coffee
Morning in the Henderson hall
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the
Breakspear Room
6.15 pm Youth Choir practice

SATURDAY 6th

5.15 am International Dawn Chorus Day Event
9.30 am Churchyard Working Party
11.00 am Spring Concert Series - Tom Winpenny,
Assistant Master of Music at
St Albans Abbey - Organ
2.00 pm Wedding of Neil Somers and
Wendy McEvoy
7-8.30 pm District Ringing meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Launch of Stewardship Campaign

7th May 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers
and Creche**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

No 11.00 am service at Bedmond

**11.00 am Launch of Parish Giving Scheme in
Church hall**
12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell