

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

5th May 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher; The Revd Jos Perris
Hymns: 15 - 324 - 235 - 226 - 500 -
Be thou my vision
Intercessor: Bill Sanderson

11.15 am Holy Communion in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 15 - 324 - 235 - Be thou my vision
Reader: Martin Tanner

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: Sally Sanderson

6.30 pm Youth Group in the Breakspear Room

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.30 am Tuesday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Tuesday to Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors, newcomers and those who have come to hear their Banns read - 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.



For our younger members in St Lawrence:

Seekers (aged 3-10) start in church;

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: 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; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 9.1-20]

Bible page 123

The story of conversion of St Paul on the Damascus Road is famous – and it is told in the New Testament no fewer than four times, twice by Luke in the book of Acts and twice by Paul himself in his letters. Not only was Paul to become the Apostle to the Gentiles, but this is the first occasion when someone who had not seen Jesus ‘in the flesh’ is described as meeting the risen Lord, hearing his voice and knowing his presence.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5.11-14

Bible page 246

In heaven all creation sings God’s praise. Not only do the angels and the heavenly host sing, but every creature of earth and sea and sky that has been redeemed also ‘sings with full voice’ to the glory of its Creator. In our worship here, we are learning our part in the music of heaven.

GOSPEL

John 21.1-14

Bible page 112

‘Come and have breakfast’ is the beautifully practical greeting that helps the disciples recognise the risen Jesus by the lakeside. The miraculous catch of fish is a sign of all people being gathered together into God’s church through the work and witness of the apostles. And Peter, after the shame of denying his Lord three times, says three times that he loves him and is entrusted with the care of Christ’s flock.

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 alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

‘Up, up my heart with gladness’
by Bach



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the joy of music
- » our choirs and organists

PRAY FOR

- » all musicians and composers
- » the work of the Royal School of Church Music
- » those who live in Gallows Hill Lane, Garden Road, Glenmore Gardens
- » all who worship at the Methodist Church

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Joyce Sones : Alan : Andrew Cummings : Stan Johnson : Karen Clark : Ben : Paul Maxted : Sean Brosnan

RIP

- » Bob Jackson (Magnolia Avenue) : Anne Davison : Anula Nikapota : Jennifer Sullivan : Christine Maxted : Toby & Milly Saville

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th May 2019

Christian Aid Week begins

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Followed by Big Brekkie in the church hall

11.15 am Holy Communion in the Tin Church

President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris

12.45 pm Christening for Chloe Bailey

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

7.30 pm 'Resurrection' - a discussion in the Tin Church

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 6th

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Rm

7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall

8.00 pm Property Committee in the B'spear Room

Wednesday 8th

10.00 am Funeral of Anne Davison at St Saviour's followed by cremation

11.00 am Mothers' Union in the Breakspear Room

11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00 noon Corporate Communion for the MU in St Lawrence followed by soup

3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church

7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 9th

10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens

Friday 10th

10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church

10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High St

11.00 am Tannerswood School in St Lawrence

2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room

6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 11th

11.00 am Spring Concert in St Lawrence - Southorn/Stratton families

1.00 pm Blessing for Chloe-Ann and Sophie Cook in St Lawrence

6.30 pm Friends Safari Supper starts in the hall

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 9.36-end; Revelation 7.9-end;
John 10.22-30

NOTICES

► At the Annual Vestry Meeting last Sunday evening, **ANDY TAYLOR** and **CAROL HIGGS** were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES 2019** continues on Saturday 11th May with a performance by the Southorn and Stratton families. Tickets on the door at £5 each (children free). **Future concerts** feature: Tom Winpenny, St Albans Cathedral organist (18th May) and The Friday Singers (25th May). Many thanks to those who supported the Parmiters School pupils yesterday.

► **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 at 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.

► The **CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM** is in the Methodist Hall on Monday 13th May at 8.00 pm - please bring a cake to share!

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. **We are short of helpers this month and would welcome help on the day - please contact Wendy Meldrum on 267383.**

► Deanery Synod meets on Tuesday 14th May at St Mary's in Watford - **'BUILDINGS FIT FOR PURPOSE?'** is the theme. Are our buildings environmentally friendly, economic, do we make the best use of them? Come and find out what we can do - and see the newly re-furnished St Mary's (no pews!).

► Items needed for the **container** going out to **MALAWI** (needed by 17th May) include: **girls/ladies knickers** (all sizes), **bandages** (assorted); **reels of cotton** and **tea towels** - see separate leaflet for more details. There is a box at the back of church to put items in.

► The **TANNERSWOOD ABBEYFIELD** home at 11 Greenways is thriving and developing. They have an open afternoon, with tea and cake, on Saturday 18th May from 2.00 to 5.00 pm to show visitors around.

► **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).

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

