

NOTICES

- ▶ **HANGING BASKETS** with Petunias - for sale in aid of Watford Schools Trust £8 each or 2 for £15 - order via Pam,
- ▶ **QUIET REFLECTION** every Wednesday at 11.00 am in the Corpus Christi Chapel - a period of candlelit contemplativeness, prayer, silence and stillness.
- ▶ **AFTERNOON TEA** at St Saviour's Parish hall in aid of the Hospice of St Francis on Thursday 11th May between 2.00 and 4.00 pm - all welcome.
- ▶ **CTAL AGM** is on Thursday 11th May at 7.30 pm in the Baptist Church. It will be followed by a bring and share supper so please turn up with food to share - all welcome.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - come along next week (14th) at 7.30 pm an opportunity to ask questions and find out more.
- ▶ **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for May. Please take copies.

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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; **TEA PARTY** on Saturday 20th May at 3.00 to 4.30 pm at the Methodist Church. £7 on the day - all welcome.
- ▶ **COFFEE MORNING** in aid of the Church Flower Fund on Saturday 20th May from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the Breakspear Room.
- ▶ We have a **GRAVE** in the churchyard which needs maintaining - if you would be able to help please contact Myra for more details (262933).
- ▶ There is a container going to **MALAWI** on 10th June - for items needed please see the list.
- ▶ The **CHURCH OFFICE** will only be open from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Monday to Wednesday; 9.15 am to 3.45 pm Thursday and Friday this week.



St Lawrence Church,
Abbots Langley

Spring Concert Series 2017
Saturday 13th May
The Southorn & Stratton family
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 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

7th May 2017

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Launch of Stewardship Campaign



TODAY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 422 - 53 - 321 - 464 - 73 - 467
Anthem: Look at the world - John Rutter
Intercessor: Nikki Williams
- 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


WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read, 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 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**
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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 58.6-12 Bible page 699

This is a reading from the prophet frequently known as the 'Third Isaiah', who is understood to have been preaching round about the time of the people's return from Exile in Bablyon. His mood is one of celebration and hope for the joyful restoration of Israel – the rebuilding of the ruins both physical and spiritual.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.1-11 Bible page 194

With Christ's encouragement and moved by God's love, Paul urges Christians to overcome their differences and get on together. Jesus has overcome every division: between God and humanity, high and low, powerful and humble. We are to follow his example of humility and obedience, because each of us is infinitely precious in God's sight.

GOSPEL John 2.1-11 Bible page 89

The wedding at Cana is the first of Jesus' public signs, made before he had officially begun his ministry but after he had called the disciples, who were with him at the feast. Jesus resists his mother's efforts to get him to sort the problem out, as though he were an unsung talent that needed recognition, but when he perceives the real need of the people and the real opportunity to introduce the new relationship with God he is bringing about, he takes it.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ecclesiastes 5:4-12
1 Timothy 6:3-10
Matthew 19:16-26

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off Friday



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the example of Jesus, 'the good Shepherd'
- » the fellowship, friendship and encouragement we enjoy in the church
- » all who have maintained the church's tradition down the centuries

PRAY FOR

- » those who guide and shepherd the young
 - » all who set an example in public life
 - » other parts of the world overshadowed by war and deprivation
 - » Neil and Wendy Somers who were married here yesterday
 - » Rob and Sian Shrimpton on their First Wedding Anniversary
 - » Tiny Tots and its leaders
 - » those who worship at St Paul's Church, Langleybury
 - » those who live in Hawthorn Close, Hazelbury Avenue and Hazelwood Lane
- THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED**
- » Gareth Williams : Audrey Bird : Sonya : Hazel Muskett : Val Brown : Owen Nelson : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard : Lucie Shephard

R.I.P.

- » Edgar Mortimer : Jean Armitage : John Tapster

The Anthem this week is:

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world: everything all around us
look at the world: and marvel everyday
look at the world: so many joys and wonders
wo many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee O lord for all creation
give us thankful hearts that we may see
all the gifts we share and every blessing
all things come of thee.*

Look at the earth: bringing forth fruit and flower
look at the sky: the sunshine and the rain
look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
valley and flowing river field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
bringing the harvest before the winters cold
everything grows, everything has a season
till it is gathered to the fathers fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
comes from the lord in token of his love
we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty
his is the earth and his the heavens above.

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 8th Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, 1417
2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
6.15 pm Rehearsal for Spring Concert Series
7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
8.00 pm Preacher's Workshop in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 9th
10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 10th
10.15 am **Holy Communion including MU Corporate Communion** followed by meeting in the Breakspear Room
3.30 pm Messy Church at the Methodist Church
7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 11th
11.00 am Flower Arrangers' meeting in the Breakspear Room
12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - Lewis William Gentle
7.30 pm CTAL AGM in the Baptist Church followed by bring and share supper

FRIDAY 12th
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 13th
11.00 am Spring Concert Series - Southorn/Stratton family

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Beginning of Christian Aid Week
14th May 2017

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

9.30 am All Age Communion Service
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

11.00 am 'Big Brekkie' for Christian Aid in the Church hall

11.30 am Christening of Hana Weightman

12.30 pm Christening of Finley Norton and Georgia Corsan

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

7.30 pm On Giving: a chance for questions