

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



22nd April 2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with
Seekers and Creche** in
St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 422 - 53 - 321 - 464 - 73 - 467
Readers: Linda North & Alan Alexander
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

12.30 pm Christening for Jaxson May in
St Lawrence

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Thursday

Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

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 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 for those aged 3 to 10 years (start in church);

Creche in the Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church

If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for **coffee, tea, juice and biscuits** in the hall after the 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 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

Psalm 23

Bible page 512

SECOND READING

Acts 4.5-12

Bible page 117

Peter and John have just cured a crippled beggar and preached the resurrection of Jesus to the people. The high priests, annoyed and angered by their witness to the resurrection, arrest them and call them to account. Peter and John are firm in their faith that the power of the risen Christ is at work in the world: acting in his name they are filled with courage and the ability to bring healing.

GOSPEL

John 10.11-18

Bible page 100

Drawing on the imagery of the Old Testament, where wayward kings and leaders of Israel are referred to as bad shepherds, Jesus depicts himself as the Good Shepherd. Far from the comforting pastoral scenes of religious art and stained glass, this is a shepherd who will die for the sake of his sheep, who will give his life that they might live.

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.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

'Teach me, O Lord,
the way of thy statutes'

Music: Thomas Attwood,

Text: Psalm 119.33

Teach me, O Lord,
the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.

A prayer for Vocation Sunday

(22nd April)

Almighty God,
you have entrusted to your Church
a share in the ministry of your Son
our great high priest:
inspire by your Holy Spirit
the hearts of many
to offer themselves for the ministry
of your Church,
that strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase
of your kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise
of your name;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Christ the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for you
- » the guidance of the Holy Spirit

PRAY FOR

- » those who are persecuted for their faith
- » a greater confidence in God's grace and the Gospel
- » Jaxson May to be christened today
- » those who live in Egg Farm Lane, Eric Shepherd Unit, Fay Green
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for Paul Brooks, their Lay Minister

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Nora : Martyn Dicker : Pam Costello : Jeff Rees : Jean Harris : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Hazel Muskett : Ewan Mander

RIP

- » Denys Dilby (Margaret House) : Violet Byrne : Sandra Hastrick : Betty Murray

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 8.26-end; 1 John 4.7-end;
John 15.1-8

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 23rd

- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier: Percy Cox
- 11.00 am Burial of ashes of Florence & Paul Marsh
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

TUESDAY 24th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Property Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 25th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion, in St Lawrence
- 10.30 a, Carers' Network meets in the Methodist hall
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

THURSDAY 26th

Church Office closed

FRIDAY 27th

Church Office closed

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 11.00 am Funeral of Betty Murray at the Crem
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 4.30 pm Burial of ashes of Bill Newman
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Wedding rehearsal in St Lawrence

SATURDAY 28th

- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier: Leonard Temple
- 4.00 pm Wedding of Jamie Hyde and Samantha Senior in St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29th April 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence
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- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.00 noon Bell toll** for WWI soldier:
Thomas Dickenson
- 6.30 pm Taize Service** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

NOTICES

► At the **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** last Sunday, **Andy Taylor** and **Carol Higgs** were elected as your new churchwardens for the coming year and **Jane McHugh** was thanked for her seven years as warden. The list of current members of the **Parochial Church Council** is pinned on the board.

► Congratulations to **ROBIN and EILEEN VENN** who reach their **Ruby Wedding Anniversary** on 29th April but they are celebrating with us today as they will be away next weekend.

► There is to be a **FLOWER FESTIVAL** in St Lawrence (6th, 7th, 8th July) as part of the Abbots Langley Festival. If you would like to make an arrangement for yourself or on behalf of a group or organisation, please contact Carole Borrowdale or the church office.

► **JERUSALEM JOY** - a concert version of Roger Jones' first ever musical, which tells the story of Easter, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, will be performed as part of the **Spring Concert Series** on Saturday 12th May at 11.00 am in St Lawrence. Rehearsals continue on Fridays 27th April, 4th May, 6.15-7.15pm, and Wednesday 9th May, 7.00-8.00 pm with a final run through on Friday 11th May, 6.30-8.30pm. All ages welcome, no matter what your musical ability. Under the direction of Sarah Moreton, the Youth Choir Leader (moretonsl964@gmail.com).

► Offers of **cakes** for the **SPRING CONCERT SERIES** would be gratefully received - please sign the list for the Saturday you can provide cake(s) (5th, 12th and 26th May) - thank you.

► **AIMEE** and her cousins (the Sanderson grandchildren) are doing a Swimathon on Sunday 29th April in aid of **Cancer Research** - there is a sponsor form on the table if you would like to sponsor Aimee.

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** is in need of the following items: long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, individual sponge puddings, cereals, biscuits - please put items in the box at the back of church which will be emptied regularly.

► **DAWN CHORUS** - there will be a chance for you to experience the dawn chorus in the churchyard, guided by an expert, on Saturday 5th May starting at 5.30 am. The walk takes about 45 mins and we finish with coffee and bacon butties in the Breakspear Room. We would love to have you join us. Any questions - ask your new churchwarden Carol Higgs crl.higgs@googlemail.com

► **The REMEMBRANCE ARRANGEMENT** this week is in memory of Ted Spink, Eileen Venn's father.

► The **TIN CHURCH CRAFT GROUP** is looking for donations of the following items for a variety of projects: buttons, lace, ribbon, odd bits of wool, beads, small floral patterned cotton fabric, Nespresso or other metal pod coffee containers. Please bring to the Tin Church on Friday mornings between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon or leave with the Church Office.

► **BIG BREKKIE for Christian Aid** - offers of help to cook sausage and bacon rolls to raise funds on Sunday 13th May after the 9.30 am service would be good - please sign the list if you can help.

► The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **closed** on Thursday and Friday this week.

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

