

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

12th May 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The beginning of CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



TODAY

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

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion
Service in St Lawrence
President & Preacher; The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: Bless the Lord, O my soul - See, what a
morning - 235 - 53 - 503

11.15 am Holy Communion in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
Hymns: 242 - 296 - 313 - 467
Reader: Wendy Ball

12.45 pm Christening for Chloe Bailey

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

7.30 pm 'Exploring the Resurrection'
- a discussion led by
the Revd Peter Waddell
in the Tin Church

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

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors, newcomers and those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage 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 Breakspare Room;

Quiet Corner in church

Please join us for **Big Brekkie, 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 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

Acts 9.36-end

Bible page 124

The miracle performed by Peter at Joppa, raising the disciple Tabitha from the dead, has echoes of Elijah and Elisha restoring the dead to life, and Jesus' own raising of Jairus' daughter. The power of God to bring fullness of life is at work after Christ's resurrection through his followers.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7.9-end

Bible page 247

This vision of the faithful rejoicing in heaven has encouraged the Christian church down the ages. Palm branches are a symbol of victory, and show that God's people will be victorious over sin and death through faith in the Lamb who was slain, and by whose blood we are saved and sanctified.

GOSPEL

John 10.22-30

Bible page 100

In John's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as a good shepherd on several occasions. Here at the winter feast of the rededication of the temple (celebrated today as Hannukah) Jesus teaches that his sheep are those who will recognise his voice and follow him. He can give eternal life to those who entrust themselves to his care, because he has everlasting authority, being one with God the Father.

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.

A prayer for Vocation Sunday

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

» the power of God to bring fullness of life

PRAY FOR

- » those considering a vocation to ministry, lay or ordained, and for those in training
- » the work of Christian Aid and their partners all over the world
- » the relief of those suffering through drought, famine, war, violence and those living under tyranny or oppression
- » those who live in Greenways; Grosvenor Avenue; Hammer Parade
- » all who worship at St Lawrence

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

» Joyce Sones : Alan : Stan Johnson : Ben : Paul Maxted

RIP

» Gerald Randall (Sally Sanderson's brother-in-law) : Martin Crook (Jenny Sanders' cousin) : Martin Bird (Garston)

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 19th May 2019

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

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: The Revd Peter Waddell

7.30 pm 'Philippians' with the Revd Peter Waddell in the Breakspear Room

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 13th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm CTAL AGM in the Methodist hall
- 7.45 pm Ringers practice in St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 14th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Rm
- 1.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Joyce Seabrook
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 7.45 pm Deanery Synod meets at St Mary's, Watford
- 8.30 pm Finance Committee in the B'spear Room

Wednesday 15th

- 10.30 am Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence followed by light lunch in the Breakspear Room
- 7.45 pm Archdeacon's Visitation in St Lawrence

Friday 17th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Communications meeting at 26 Greenways

Saturday 18th

- 11.00 am Spring Concert in St Lawrence - Tom Winpenny (organist)
- 2.00-4.00 pm Open Afternoon at Abbeyfield, 11 Greenways

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 11.1-18; Revelation 21.1-6;
John 13.31-35

NOTICES

► There will be a **BIG BREKKIE** (bacon & sausage butties) in aid of **Christian Aid** during coffee after the 9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service today.

► **EXPLORING THE RESURRECTION** this evening 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 7.30 pm (sorry change of time to that advertised last week) - please bring a cake to share!

► 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 refurbished St Mary's (no pews!).

► Items needed for the **container** going to **MALAWI** (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 for items or to church office.

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES 2019** continues on Saturday 18th May with an organ recital by **Tom Winpenny**, St Albans Cathedral organist. Tickets on the door at £5 each (children free). The **final concert** features The Friday Singers (25th May). Many thanks to those who supported the Southorn and Stratton family yesterday.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine) is on sale for May - copies are 40p each).

► 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 - all welcome.

MESSY CHURCH

Next one: **Wednesday 12th June**; theme: **Dazzling Disciples!** 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. They always welcome help on the day - please contact Wendy Meldrum on 267383.

► **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.

► **THEATRE TRIPS** - the Social Committee has decided on one trip to see 'The Girl on the Train' at Wycombe Swan on Thursday 19th September leaving the lych gate at 5.45 pm. The cost is £42 per ticket to include the coach fare and driver gratuity. They are sorry to disappoint those who wanted to see 'Motown the Musical' at Milton Keynes but there were too few people signed up which made it too expensive as they like to keep the cost below £50.

► The Archdeacon is holding his **VISITATION** in St Lawrence on Wednesday of this week - offers of homemade cakes would be appreciated, please - to the Office.

► 22nd June - an important date for your diary. We have changed the date of the **ST LAWRENCE FETE** please do make a note. Carol is looking for 12 people to look after 12 plants each between now and 22nd June. If you could help by looking after the plants and potting them on once and bringing them to the Church on the day please let Carol know or sign the list at the back of Church.

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

