

NOTICES

► **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - come today at 7.30 pm an opportunity to ask questions and find out more.

► **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** 14th to 20th May. All are welcome 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.

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

► **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.

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

► **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.

► **BEATING THE BOUNDS** next Sunday (21st May) leaves from the church hall at approx 11.15 am, walking the parish boundary, returning around 5.00 pm. Please come for all or part of the day. Bring a picnic for your lunch.

► **ASCENSION DAY** is on Thursday 25th May with a service at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond at 8.00 pm - please do come along.

► The next **HAL COFFEE MORNING** will be on Friday 26th May.

► We have a **GRAVE** in the churchyard which needs maintaining - if you would be able to help please contact Myra for more details (262933).

► **SAFARI SUPPER** Saturday 3rd June. Hosts for between 4 – 10 for the main course required. Please contact Sue Coultrup (334387) if you would like tickets or to offer to be a host.



St Lawrence Church,
Abbots Langley

Spring Concert Series 2017
Saturday 20th May
The London Central Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army

Refreshments from 7.00 pm / Concert at 7.30 pm
Tickets available on the door
£5 for each concert (children free)

The London Central Fellowship Band
Of The Salvation Army

Final Spring Concert date:
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

14th May 2017

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Beginning of Christian Aid Week



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Reader: Pam Haggith

9.30 am All Age Communion Service

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: Bless the Lord O my soul - 321 - 39 - 148 - 164

Anthem: I will offer up my life - *Matt Redman*

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

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 and help support the Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' Campaign.



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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 5.4-12 Bible page 628

The Books of Ecclesiastes purports to be wisdom handed down from King Solomon, 'the teacher', although many believe it originates from a much later stage of Israel's history. Showing clear signs of Greek influence, it can be breathtaking in its bleak, almost cynical, analysis of human existence. The pursuit of wealth is just one of the many human passions this book judges to be folly.

SECOND READING I Timothy 6.3-10 Bible page 208

Paul wrote two letters to his young colleague Timothy, who was responsible for overseeing the early Church in Crete. Known as the Pastorals, these letters cover much of what Paul thinks Timothy will most need to know as he helps believers there to thrive. Chief amongst his warnings is that wealth is one of the biggest spiritual problems there is: as he famously says, the love of money is the root of all evil.

GOSPEL Matthew 19.16-26 Bible page 20

And the love of money, it seems, is even a problem in the most otherwise righteous and respectable of lives. We have no reason to think that the young man Jesus addresses in this passage is a liar or hypocrite: he does keep all the commandments. However, he is ensnared by his possessions. Jesus' command is admittedly to him alone: not all Christians are commanded to give everything (thank goodness!). But the charge to him should at least unsettle us all...

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Psalm 19
2 Corinthians 8.1-9
Matthew 6.19-24

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off Friday



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's faithfulness
- » Christ's presence in the life of the church

PRAY FOR

- » the faith to trust God totally
- » courage in the face of uncertainty or difficulty
- » Hana Weightman, Finley Norton and Georgia Corsan who are being christened today
- » Messy Church and its leaders
- » those who worship at St Saviour's Church
- » those who live in Heather Close, Helston Place and Henderson Place

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.

- » Jennifer Handscombe (Watford)

The Anthem this week is:

I will offer up my life

Matt Redman

*I will offer up my life
in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love
as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give
my ev'ry part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice
of a broken heart.*

*Jesus, what can I give,
what can I bring
to so faithful a friend,
to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said,
what can be sung
as a praise of Your name
for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell,
not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart.*

*You deserve my every breath
for you've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death,
even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven,
and have beckoned me in.*

THE COMING WEEK

- MONDAY 15th** Matthias the Apostle
2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
8.00 pm Preacher's Workshop in the Breakspear Room
- TUESDAY 16th**
10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
7.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7.30 pm Mothers' Union Evening Walk leaves the church car park to St Albans
- WEDNESDAY 17th**
10.15 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- THURSDAY 18th**
10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens
- FRIDAY 19th** Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988
10.40 am Funeral of Jennifer Handscombe at the Crematorium
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
6.15 pm Youth Choir practice
- SATURDAY 20th** Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
10.00 am Coffee Morning in aid of the Flower Fund in the Breakspear Room
1.00 pm Burial of the Ashes of David Francis
2.00 pm Wedding of Robert Cooke and Tracey Eagle
5.00 pm Set up for Concert
7.30 pm Spring Concert Series - The London Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21st 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 Angela Milton
- 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**
followed by congregational meeting
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**
- 4.00 pm Malawi meeting in the Breakspear Room**
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer**
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm MAP Meeting: Going Deeper into God**