

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



29th April 2018

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: David Staines

**9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Seekers and Creche** in  
St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 388 - 24 - 26 - 452 - 391 - 259  
Readers: Emma Stratton and Andy Taylor  
Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

**12.00 noon Bell Toll** for WWI soldier:  
Thomas Dickenson

**6.30 pm Taize Service** 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 Friday

**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, 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

Psalm 22.25-end

Bible page 512

### SECOND READING

Acts 8.26-end

Bible page 123

That God's chosen Messiah should suffer and die seems almost incomprehensible, so it is not surprising that the Ethiopian courtier asks the apostle Philip to help him understand Isaiah's prophecy about the Suffering Servant. Eunuchs were not admitted to the Jewish community, but Christ's blood was shed for all, even outcasts and those at the farthest ends of the world. Starting from the man's own questions, Philip so convinces him about the good news of Jesus that he asks to be baptised at once, and is given new life through faith in him who died.

### GOSPEL

John 15.1-8

Bible page 106

Jesus uses God's name of himself in the seven 'I am' sayings recorded in John's Gospel. At the Last Supper, Jesus proclaims 'I am the true vine' - he is the essential source of life and growth and fruitfulness for us who are the 'branches'. Being part of the vine does not mean we will escape hardship: dead wood is cut back to make room for new shoots, and even fruitful growth will be pruned to give greater fruitfulness. But if we dwell in him and let him dwell in us richly, sustained by his presence in word and sacrament, our prayers will be in accordance with God's will and our lives will be fruitful for good, as his was.

**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.**

### ANTHEM at 9.30 am

'The peace of God' by John Rutter

The peace of God,  
which passeth all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds,  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst you  
and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### **Congratulations to The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son.**

**Here is a prayer for the Royal Baby:**

Heavenly Father,  
we give thanks for the birth of a new son  
to The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge;  
surround him with your blessing  
that he may know your love,  
be protected from evil,  
and know your goodness all his days.  
May God give wisdom, patience and faith  
to his parents;  
and, by their example,  
reveal the love and truth that are  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those you love, and those you find it hard to love
- » the ways God's love has borne fruit in your life

### PRAY FOR

- » understanding and mutual love for our brothers and sisters of different faiths
- » those who live in Follett Drive, Furtherfield, Gable Close
- » those who worship at the Church of the Ascension

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » John Burn (June Tanners' brother) :  
Nora : Martyn Dicker : Pam Costello :  
Jeff Rees : Jean Harris : Vanessa :  
Sarah Jenkins : Ben : Rosemary Tucker :  
Hazel Muskett : Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Denys Dalby (Margaret House) :  
James Rutherford : Betty Murray

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10.44-end; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6;  
John 15.9-17

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 30th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

### TUESDAY 1st May

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

### WEDNESDAY 2nd

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning at the Tin Church
- 10.15 am Holy Communion, in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### THURSDAY 3rd

- 12.00 noon Funeral of Denys Dalby at North Watford Cemetery

### FRIDAY 4th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 1.00 pm Burial of Ashes of James Rutherford
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Blessing rehearsal in St Lawrence

### SATURDAY 5th

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Spring Concert: Francis Combe Academy and Parmiter's School pupils
- 2.00 pm Christening preparation in the Breakspear Room

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th May 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 11.00 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Christening** for Carter Driscoll
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall
- 3.00 pm Blessing of Marriage** for John & Chelsea Herbert
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

## NOTICES

► At the **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**, **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.

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES** begins next Saturday, 5th May, with a concert at 11.00 am by pupils from **Francis Combe Academy** and **Parmiter's School**. Refreshments from 10.30 am. On Saturday 12th May, **Jerusalem Joy** at 11.00 am; on Saturday 26th May, **the Southorn/Stratton family** will perform at 11.00 am. Offers of **cakes** for refreshments would be gratefully received - please sign the list for the Saturday you can provide cake(s) (5th, 12th and 26th May) - thank you.

► **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](mailto:crl.higgs@googlemail.com)

► 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.

► 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.

► **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.

► A concert of music from the 60s & 70s to the present day by **STRATOSFRERE** - in aid of Malawi 2018 - will be held in St Peter's church hall, Bushey Mill Lane, Watford on Saturday 19th May, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 each, available from 07801 049844.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for May - please take a copy (40p).

► **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** comes into force on 26th May and we need to be compliant. We are therefore asking everyone to complete a **Consent Form** and return it to the Church Office so we know you are happy for us to store your personal information and use it for the specific purposes of this church. If you don't complete a form we will no longer be able to contact you by letter, phone or e-mail. We will not pass on your personal information to a third party without your consent. A copy of the Privacy Notice is pinned on the noticeboard. Please speak to Pam Rastall in the Church Office should you have any queries.

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

