

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

19th May 2019

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY

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

**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
Intercessor: Sara Bedford

11.15 am Holy Communion
in the Tin Church

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 422 - 53 - 321 - 467
Reader: Wendy Ball

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

7.30 pm 'Philippians' - a discussion led by
the Revd Peter Waddell
in the Breakspear Room

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.



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 Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church

Please join us for **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, 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

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Bible page 257

The Book of Baruch belongs to what is known as the Apocrypha, a set of books recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as fully part of Scripture but given only subordinate value by Protestants. Baruch acted as kind of secretary to the prophet Jeremiah, but the book bearing his name dates from several hundred years later, perhaps even in the Christian era. Its focus is on how to live an authentically Jewish life outside Israel, and the passage set for today is one of many emphasising the importance of fidelity to the Law.

SECOND READING

Acts 11.1-18

Bible page 126

This, the third account of the encounter between Peter and Cornelius, concludes with Peter's critics not only being silenced but being moved to praise God that He 'has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.' The young church had seen enough of God's wonders in recent months to know that He was moving in some new ways.

GOSPEL

John 13.31-35

Bible page 105

As the Last Supper draws to a close and the events leading to his crucifixion are set in motion, Jesus has some final words for his disciples: with the New Covenant comes a new commandment. Both have a ring of familiarity but both have implications which the disciples were only beginning to grasp. Just as we benefit from the New Covenant, so we are commanded to love each other just as Christ loves us.

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 'I give to you a new commandment' - Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera

Deus ibi est

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor

Exultemus et in ipso iucundemur

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's gift to us of 'the repentance that leads to life'
- » the promise of the new creation
- » Jesus' supreme example of love

PRAY FOR

- » an openness to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives
- » those whose names are not yet written in the Book of Life
- » a determination to love as Christ loves us
- » those who live in Hanover Gardens, Harlech Road, Harthall Lane
- » all who worship at St Paul's and for the Revd James Webster

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Alan : Stan Johnson : Ben : Paul Maxted

RIP

- » Martin Bird : Gerald Randall : Martin Crook

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26th May 2019

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

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

11.15 am Holy Communion in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: Sally Sanderson

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 20th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringers practice in St Lawrence tower
- 8.00 pm Parochial Church Council meets in Bedmond Church

Tuesday 21st

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 7.30 pm MU meets in the church car park for a summer walk in St Albans

Wednesday 22nd

- 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 Choir practice in St Lawrence

Friday 24th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High St
- 1.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 1.45 pm Friday Singers practice in St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 25th

- 11.00 am Spring Concert in St Lawrence - Friday Singers

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday;
he is away from 25th to 29th May inc

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 16.9-15; Revelation 21.10; 22-22.5;
John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9

NOTICES

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES 2019** - the final one is next Saturday (25th May) at 11.00 am when the Friday Singers will entertain; refreshments from 10.30 am (offers of cakes, please!). Tickets on the door £5 each.

► **CHRISTIAN AID** - if you missed the chance to donate to Christian Aid last week and would still like to do so there are envelopes at the back of Church or in the hall after the 9.30 service or we have a contactless device so that you can donate by card or apple pay.

► **THEATRE TRIP** - The Social Committee has booked tickets 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. If you would like to go please speak to Pam in the Office.

► Friends of St Lawrence **OPEN GARDEN** on Saturday 15th June in The Abbot's House Garden from 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm. Live music, cream teas, raffle, etc. Entry is £5 adults; £2 children under 12; under 3 are free. Come and visit this jewel in the heart of Abbots Langley.

► **22nd June** - an important date for your diary - we have changed the date of the **ST LAWRENCE FETE** please do make a note.

► Does anyone have a **TABLE TOP FREEZER** that they could lend us for the day of the fete on 22nd June? We can accommodate the contents in another freezer if that helps. Please let Carol know 07791901750.

► **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.

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.

► On Saturday 25th May **LESLEY CUMMINGS** is cycling 100 kms from Windsor racecourse to Buckingham Palace and back over night in aid of **breast cancer**. If you wish to sponsor her please visit 'JustGiving Lesley Cummings' on the internet or contact her directly.

► Come and enjoy a **PRACTICAL ART WORKSHOP**: 'The Art of the Sky' in the Tin Church on Thursday 20th June from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. This is part of a series of themed practical half-day workshops held in a variety of small and unusual venues. Suitable for all abilities. Materials and refreshments provided. Please contact Susan Cooke on 07962 868028 or mscooke044@btinternet.com to book or for further details.

► **ASCENSION DAY** at Bedmond - Thursday 30th May - Communion at 8.00 pm. Please ask in the office if you would like a lift.

► Ecumenical Choir, *Joyful Noise*, conducted by Sarah Moreton (Youth Choir leader), presents Roger Jones' musical **SNAKES AND LADDERS** on Saturday 15th June in Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church at 4.00 pm. Tickets £10 (£5 under 16) from 07929 645179; all proceeds to Diabetes UK.

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

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

