

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



6th May 2018

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Seekers and Creche** in  
St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Hymns: 17 - 242 - 313 - 355 - 334 - 81  
Intercessor: Sally Sanderson

**11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: the Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 17 - 242 - 313 - 81  
Reader: June Tanner

**12.30 pm Christening** for Carter Driscoll  
12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

**3.00 pm Marriage Blessing** for  
John and Chelsea Herbert

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

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer in St Lawrence**

9.30 am Tuesday to Friday

**Evening Prayer in St Lawrence**

5.15 pm Tuesday 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, 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 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:** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 98

Bible page 563

### SECOND READING

Acts 10.44-end

Bible page 126

One of the early divisions in the Church was over the issue of salvation for the Gentiles. Peter has advocated preaching to the people of Israel alone, until a dream convinced him otherwise. Now, the Holy Spirit is given to the Gentiles, leaving the Church with the question of whether it will follow where the Spirit of God leads.

### GOSPEL

John 15.9-17

Bible page 106

Jesus' teaching is a way of preparing his disciples for his coming death, resurrection and ascension. Soon, he will no longer be physically present with them and they must continue his work. After telling them that he is the 'true vine' (as we heard last week) Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that they must bear fruit, which they can do by abiding in him. In the Old Testament, it was counted an honour to be a 'servant of God'. Now, Jesus tells his disciples they will be counted not as servants but as his friends: they are to be united with him in ministry.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

### ANTHEM at 9.30 am - "Come ye faithful"

composed by RS Thatcher, words St John Damascene (translated by J M Neale)

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| 1.<br>Come, ye faithful, raise the strain<br>of triumphant gladness!<br>God hath brought his Israel<br>into joy from sadness;<br>'tis the spring of souls to-day;<br>Christ hath burst his prison,<br>and from three days' sleep<br>in death<br>as a sun hath risen. | 2.<br>Now the queen of seasons, bright<br>with the day of splendour,<br>with the royal feast of feasts,<br>comes its joy to render;<br>comes to glad Jerusalem,<br>who with true affection<br>welcomes in unwearied strains<br>Jesu's resurrection. | 3.<br>Neither might the gates of death,<br>nor the tomb's dark portal,<br>nor the watchers, nor the seal<br>hold thee as a mortal:<br>but today amidst the twelve<br>thou didst stand, bestowing<br>that thy peace which evermore<br>passeth human knowing. |
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## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the gift of baptism, through which we are united with God and other Christians
- » the gift of friendship – with each other and with God

### PRAY FOR

- » a greater obedience to God's call, that you may bear fruit for him
- » godparents and godchildren (today is designated Godparents' Sunday)
- » Carter Driscoll as he is christened today
- » Chelsea (nee East) and John Herbert on the blessing of their marriage
- » those who live in Gallows Hill Lane, Garden Road, Glenmore Gardens
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church and for the Revd Derek McLean

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » John Burn : Martyn Dicker : Jeff Rees : Jean Harris : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Hazel Muskett : Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Jean Gray (Toms Lane) : Pam Costello (friend of Ann Brown) : Denys Dalby : James Rutherford

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 1.15-17,21-end; Psalm 1;  
1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 7th

Bank Holiday

### TUESDAY 8th

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

### WEDNESDAY 9th

10.15 am Holy Communion including Corporate Communion for the MU in St Lawrence  
10.45 am MU meets in the Breakspear Room  
11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence  
3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church  
7.00 pm 'Jerusalem Joy' rehearsal followed by choir practice in St Lawrence

### THURSDAY 10th - Ascension Day

6.00 pm Wedding rehearsal  
8.00 pm **Parish Communion at Bedmond**  
**Preacher: Canon Ian Davenport**

### FRIDAY 11th

10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church  
10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street  
2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room  
6.30 pm 'Jerusalem Joy' rehearsal in St Lawrence

### SATURDAY 12th

11.00 am Spring Concert: 'Jerusalem Joy'  
2.00 pm Wedding of Martin Brown & Lisa East

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 13th May 2018

8.00 am **Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

9.30 am **Second Sunday Communion Service** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell followed by Big Brekkie for Christian Aid

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

## NOTICES

► **ASCENSION DAY** - Thursday 10th May. Parish Communion at the Tin Church at 8.00 pm. Preacher: Canon Ian Davenport, Rector of Malpas and Chaplain to the Queen (also Peter's Training Incumbent).

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES** - Saturday 12th May, **Jerusalem Joy** at 11.00 am (refreshments from 10.30 am); no concert on 19th May because of the Royal Wedding; Saturday 26th May, **the Southorn/Stratton family** will perform at 11.00 am. Offers of **cakes** would be gratefully received - please sign the list for the Saturday you can provide cake(s) (12th and 26th May) - thank you.

► **BIG BREKKIE for Christian Aid** on Sunday 13th May after the 9.30 am service - sausage & bacon rolls! Thanks to those who have offered to help.

► **CELEBRATION 2018** - celebrating Watford's rich diversity of cultures, faiths and talents in St Michael's Church Hall, Durban Road, West Watford on Monday 7th May from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

► There will be a **PLANT STALL** in aid of the Friends of the Tin Church at the Open Garden at Pie Corner, Millhouse Lane, Bedmond on Sunday 13th May between 2.00 and 5.00 pm. Entry: adults £4.50; children free.

► **CTAL AGM** is on Monday 14th May at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church.

► **THY KINGDOM COME** - a global wave of prayer from 10th to 20th May. There will be a celebration on Saturday 19th May in St Albans Cathedral at 6.30 pm. An ecumenical collaboration between Soul Survivor, youth organisations and the Diocese. Free entry. Prayer and fun activities from 4.00 pm.

► A concert of music from the 60s & 70s to the present day by **STRATOSFRERE** - in aid of Malawi 2018 - 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.

► The experiment of repositioning the **CHOIR** behind the altar has worked well and it is proposed to keep it there for the foreseeable future - please speak to Peter or either warden with feedback.

► We require a **HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER** - please speak to Peter or either warden if you can help. Appropriate experience would be useful.

► **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.

► **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.

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

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

