

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

13th May 2018

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christian Aid Week



### TODAY

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

in St Lawrence

President & Preacher:

The Revd Angela Milton

Reader: Dennis Spooner

#### 9.30 am Second Sunday Service in

St Lawrence

President & Preacher:

The Revd Peter Waddell

Hymns: Bless the Lord, O my soul - 311 -  
506 - 14 - 103

#### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

### 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), not 2nd Sunday each month;

**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.



### 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

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

**COLLECT:** O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Psalms 1

Bible page 500

### SECOND READING

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end Bible page 114

Interpreting Judas' betrayal as a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy, the disciples decide to appoint a replacement. From this passage we can see that a key qualification for being an apostle was to have been a witness to Jesus' ministry – from his baptism to his resurrection. Matthias is chosen by casting lots, a traditional means of determining the will of God.

### GOSPEL

John 17.6-19

Bible page 108

Sometimes called the 'high priestly' prayer, this is part of Jesus' prayer to the Father before his arrest. John's gospel is notable for its opposition to 'the world', which is a place of persecution and unbelief. So Jesus prays for his disciples, that they may be united and know the joy of eternal life, and also that they may be strengthened and protected to fulfil Jesus' mission in the world.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### A Prayer for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

19th May 2018



God of love,  
send your blessing upon Harry and Meghan,  
and all who are joined in marriage,  
that, rejoicing in your will  
and continuing under your protection,  
they may both live and grow in your love  
all their days,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's gift of grace in the sacraments
- » the new life God offers us

### PRAY FOR

- » all who are persecuted for their faith
- » greater unity among Christians
- » the work of Christian Aid
- » Lisa and Martin Brown who married in St Lawrence yesterday
- » Prince Harry and Meghan Markle as they prepare for their wedding on Saturday
- » those who live in Greenways, Grosvenor Avenue, Hammer Parade
- » those who worship at the St Lawrence Church and for Peter, and Angela, Guy and Brian

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Peter Tomson : Roy Bratt : John Burn : Betty Wallace (friend of the Noonans) : Jeff Rees : Ben : Ewan Mander : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Rosemary Tucker : Hazel Muskett

### RIP

- » Jean Gray : Donald Wallace (friend of the Noonans)

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2.1-21; Ezekiel 37.1-14;  
Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26,27;16.4b-15

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 14th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm CTAL AGM in the Methodist Church
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence tower

### TUESDAY 15th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall
- 7.30 pm MU meet in the car park for a Summer Walk in St Albans

### WEDNESDAY 16th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield

### THURSDAY 17th

- 11.00 am Flower arrangers meet in the Breakspear Room
- 1.40 pm Funeral of Jean Gray at the Crematorium

### FRIDAY 18th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier Harold Osler
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir meets in the Breakspear Room

## NEXT SUNDAY

### PENTECOST 20th May 2018

- 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 Guy Buckler
- 11.00 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris  
followed by congregational meeting
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

## NOTICES

► **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** begins today - as there is no house to house collection in the village this year please take a Christian Aid envelope with you this morning and return it next week or to the office during the week - and please support the **Big Brekkie** this morning by coming to the hall after the service for a sausage or bacon roll with donations for Christian Aid.

► There will be open meetings at both churches next Sunday, 20th May, regarding the proposal to change the **SERVICE TIMES**:. The meetings will be after the 9.30 am service in St Lawrence and after the 11.00 am service at Bedmond.

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES** - just one left to go as there is no concert on 19th May because of the Royal Wedding; Saturday 26th May, the **Southorn/Stratton family** will perform at 11.00 am preceded by coffee and cake and 10.30 am.

► **CTAL AGM** is tomorrow, 14th May at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church - all welcome.

► **THY KINGDOM COME** - a global wave of prayer continues to 20th May. There will be a celebration on Saturday 19th May in St Albans Cathedral at 6.30 pm. This is an ecumenical collaboration between Soul Survivor, youth organisations and the Diocese. Free entry. Prayer and fun activities from 4.00 pm. If you would like to go with others please contact the church office.

► 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.

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

► 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.

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

