

NOTICES

▶ Many thanks to those who donated and arranged the **EASTER FLOWERS** so beautifully in both churches.

▶ **CHORAL EVENSONG** tonight at 6.30 pm - please come along.

▶ There is a **LETTER** for everyone on the Electoral Roll (and a few for those not yet on the Roll!) - please take yours.

▶ Next Sunday, 23rd April, the **BISHOP OF HERTFORD**, the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, will be with us at 9.30 am. There will be baptisms and confirmations during the service please come and support the candidates.

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

▶ If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc then come along on a Friday afternoon to the **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION** at 2.00 pm with your needles and wool (not white) - or pick up a pattern to knit at home. (You can also come along with your own craft to do; you don't have to knit!) There is a container going to Malawi on 10th June - other items needed include school uniforms, blankets, kitchen utensils - see list.

▶ **CARITAS HARMONY CONCERT** on 29th April at 7.00 pm in St Lawrence. Free entry - donations afterwards towards the Friends. See April Outlook for more details.

▶ Peter has produced a paper following the recent **PARISH CONVERSATIONS** - copies are available at the back of church, or on the website or can be emailed or printed if requested.

▶ **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for April. Please take copies.

▶ **SPRING CONCERT SERIES 2017** on Saturdays in May in St Lawrence. Tickets available on the door £5 each (children free). See Outlook for more details. **Cakes and Cookies** needed and also volunteers to help serve refreshments on the mornings/evening of the concerts - please let the office know.

The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** for election of churchwardens and the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** for election of PCC and Deanery Synod members; reporting of the 2016 Accounts and of the life of the parish will take place on Sunday 30th April at 11.30 am in the hall - please come.

▶ You are warmly invited to the **DAWN CHORUS DAY EVENT** which will be on Saturday 6th May in St Lawrence churchyard starting at 5.15 am. There will be an expert on hand to help us to identify all the bird song. Please do join us - everyone should do this at least once in their lifetime! Refreshments will be provided in the Breakspear Room at the end of the walk around the churchyard at approx 6.30 am.

▶ The next **HEART FOR ABBOTS LANGLEY COFFEE MORNING** will be Friday 28th April at 10.00 am in the Henderson hall.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER to you all!

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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

16th April 2017
EASTER DAY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Linda Bullock

9.30 am Easter All Age Communion

President & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 474 - 267 - 309 - 14 - 24 - 503
Anthem: Let the people praise thee, O God
by William Mathias

Reader: Sam Waddell
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 474 - 267 - 309 - 503
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Tuesday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Tuesday to Friday

Holy Communion

9.30 am Monday
10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the parish & community

8.15 am Thursday


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.

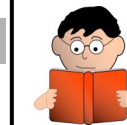
If you have been confirmed or usually receive **Communion** in your own church, please do so here. If not, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a **Blessing**, and if you carry a book with you the priest will know not to offer you the bread and wine.



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 - in the Breakspear Room
with suitable toys
(0-3 years)

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
lunch in the church hall after
the service.**



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: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.1-6 Bible page 745
Jeremiah is foretelling the time when the people of Israel shall return from exile to their own land. This land of plenty and the rejoicing of the people are symbolic of the experience of the one who loves the Lord, who finds abundant love and joy in relationship with him.

SECOND READING Acts 10.34-43 Bible page 126
The resurrection of Christ is of a piece with his life, death and (later) ascension. Jesus' whole life was about reconciliation - to God and to each other. Through defeating the power of sin (death), Jesus made it possible to know the new life of the Kingdom now. This is the good news he entrusts to his disciples.

GOSPEL Matthew 28.1-10 Bible page 32
In Matthew the guards are witnesses to the resurrection too, so as to defend Christians from the Jewish accusation that they stole Jesus' body. As is usual at major events in Jesus' life, angels are needed to interpret what is happening for the people for whom it is meant. Thus fear that something terrible has happened is transformed to joy that the most wonderful event possible has come to pass.

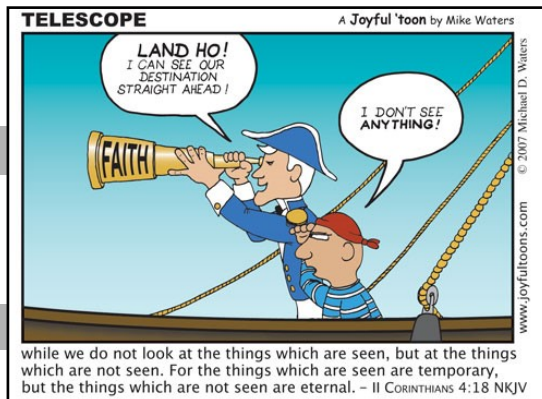
POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2.14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-28

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off Friday



while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. - II CORINTHIANS 4:18 NKJV

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the joy of the glorious and life-giving resurrection
- » the witness of the Church to all people
- » new hope and new life for the world

PRAY FOR

- » Christians everywhere that we may proclaim Christ's victory by our lives
- » the light and peace of the gospel of Christ to be known throughout the world
- » justice and freedom for all who are oppressed
- » those preparing for confirmation and baptism
- » David and Leia Lawrence on their first Wedding Anniversary
- » Tiny Tots and its leaders
- » Churches Together in Abbots Langley
- » those who live in Greenways (inc Abbeyfield), Griffin Way and Grosvenor Avenue

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Edgar Mortimer : Val Brown : Owen Nelson : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard : Barbara Metcalfe : Lucie Shephard

R.I.P.

- » John Tapster (Cardiff Way) : Harvey James : Sheila Gorman : Norman Lakey : Edna Woolman

The Anthem this week is:

Let the people praise thee, O God
by William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God
shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Text from Psalm 67

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 17th Monday of Easter Week
9.30 am Holy Communion followed by breakfast,
walk to St Albans, picnic lunch,
service in the Abbey, walk back
and supper

TUESDAY 18th Tuesday of Easter Week
10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
8.00 pm Mothers' Union Easter Quiz in the
Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 19th Wednesday of Easter Week
10.15 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
1.40 pm Funeral of Harvey James at the
Crematorium
7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 20th Thursday of Easter Week
12.30 pm Funeral of Norman Lakey in St Lawrence
followed by committal at
North Watford Cemetery

FRIDAY 21st Friday of Easter Week
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the
Breakspear Room
6.15 pm Youth Choir practice restarts

SATURDAY 22nd Saturday of Easter Week
9.30 am Outside Bedmond Working Party

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 23rd April 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

**9.30 am Parish Communion including
Baptism and Confirmation
with Seekers and Creche**
President & Preacher: The Bishop of Hertford,
Rt Revd Michael Beasley

12.15 pm Christening of Blake Stanley

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

3.00 pm Wedding Preparation Meeting
in the Church hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

7.15 pm Malawi Trip meeting
in the Breakspear Room