

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



1st April 2018  
**EASTER DAY**

## TODAY

### 6.15 am CTAL Sunrise Service

in Toms Lane

Leader: Sally Sanderson

### 8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

Reader: Mike Jefford

### 9.30 am Parish Communion in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

Hymns: 474 - Psalm 100 - 309 - 14 - 24 - 503

Reader: Jane McHugh

Intercessor: Bill Sanderson

### 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

Hymns: 474 - 267 - 309 - 503

Reader: Nora Greeves

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch club in the hall

### 6.30 pm Choral Evensong 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.



## 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

9.30 am Monday

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



**For our younger members in St Lawrence** there is a Quiet Corner in church or you can go into the Breakspear Room where there are toys and colouring pages available; the service is relayed into the room.

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 pick up a **Parish Giving Scheme** pack.*

## 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**

Isaiah 25.6-9

Bible page 662

Israel longed for the day of the Lord: a time when he would act in power and glory and vindicate his people. For Christians that day has come through the resurrection of Christ.

### **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**

John 20.1-18

Bible page 111

The resurrection in John's Gospel takes place quietly and irresistibly, like the rising of the sun at dawn, when the shadows of night are slowly removed and the freshness of the garden sweetens the new day. That is what it is: a new day, a new covenant, a new creation. John's readers are invited to recognise a new level of being, a transformation. It **is** life after death. Jesus **is** alive now. But it is more even than that. With the rolling away of the stone, a great door has swung open on human history, and we are encouraged to go through and to make a new life our own.

### **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.**

Today love and resurrection  
have become the perfect whole.  
The tomb is empty,  
Christ has risen glorious from the dead.  
Lord, help me to cherish the revelation  
of your new beginning.  
Today love and resurrection  
have made me whole.  
Amen.

## 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 who live in Cunningham Way, Dairy Way, De Havilland Place
- » for all the churches which make up Churches Together in Abbots Langley and for the different church leaders

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Martyn Dicker : Debbie Herrington : Pam Costello : Jeff Rees : Jean Harris : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Hazel Muskett : Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Audrey Powell : Victor Clark : George Morris : Betty Murray

## AVAILABILITY

Peter will be away from Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 12th April, inclusive

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 1.1-2.2;  
John 20.19-end

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 2nd Bank Holiday

9.30 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence followed by breakfast, walk to St Albans, packed lunch, Service in the Cathedral, walk home and supper

### TUESDAY 3rd

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 4th

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  
11.40 am Funeral of George Morris at the crematorium

### FRIDAY 6th

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

### SATURDAY 7th

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence  
2.00 pm Wedding of Andrew Grange and Hannah Wells in St Lawrence

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8th April 2018

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

9.30 am **Second Sunday Communion Service** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

12.30 pm Christening for Alana Hope in St Lawrence

6.30 pm **Evensong** in St Lawrence  
Leader: Sally Sanderson

## NOTICES

► Many thanks to all **FLOWER ARRANGERS** who have decorated our churches for Easter

► **EASTER MONDAY** - please sign the list **today** if you want to eat, breakfast and/or supper tomorrow!

► Friends of St Lawrence **SAFARI SUPPER** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April, starting in the church hall at 6.30 pm - tickets £16.50. Contact Sue Coultrup 334387 or the Office.

► **MALAWI 2018 - African-themed Dinner and Wine Tasting Quiz** in the church hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £18 each and include a 3-course meal with wine for each course - available from the Church Office.

► **ELECTORAL ROLL** - if you are not on the Church Electoral Roll and would consider yourself a member of St Lawrence or the Tin Church then please pick up a form in either church or ask for one from the Office.

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** is in need of long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding and tinned custard, individual sponge puddings, biscuits - please put items in the box at the back of church which will be emptied regularly. We will keep you updated on what food is required.

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for April.

► **Sara Bedford** has completed the Tearfund **MEAN BEAN CHALLENGE**. You can still help her raise money for those for whom a sub-standard diet is the norm for their entire lives, by sponsoring her: <https://tinyurl.com/y7nubo2m>

► A practical **ART WORKSHOP** as part of a series of themed workshops "The Cow in Art" to be held in the Tin Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. This is suitable for all abilities with materials and refreshments provided. Further details from Susan Cooke on 07962 868028/ email: [mscooke044@btinternet.com](mailto:mscooke044@btinternet.com).

► **JERUSALEM JOY** - a concert version of Roger Jones' first ever musical, which tells the story of Easter, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, will be performed as part of the Spring Concert Series on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am in St Lawrence. Rehearsals are on Fridays 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 6.15-7.15pm, and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00-8.00 pm with a final run through on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30-8.30pm. All ages welcome, no matter what your musical ability. Under the direction of Sarah Moreton, the Youth Choir Leader ([moretonsl964@gmail.com](mailto:moretonsl964@gmail.com)).

► The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** and the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** are to be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm** in the church hall. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts also including the Agenda, and the Minutes from last year, are on the table. If you would like a copy of the full Accounts (25 pages) please ask in the office.

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

