

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



12th April 2020
EASTER DAY

TODAY

9.30 am Service from Vicarage via Facebook

President &

Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

For the duration of the Church closure, the Sunday morning service will be broadcast from the Vicarage on Facebook Live – and we hope to also feed to the Sunday Service.org platform as soon as possible.

You don't have to be a member of Facebook to view this, just search for 'St. Lawrence Abbots Langley Facebook' on any search engine, or follow the link on the Parish Website.

4.30pm Vicar's Storytime

6.30pm Evening Prayer

SERVICES THIS WEEK Via Facebook

DAILY

9.00 am Morning Prayer
(except Sundays)
10.30am Vicar's Story Time
(except Sundays)
4.30pm Vicar's Story Time
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Please note there is no Vicar's Story Time on Easter Monday

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today, albeit from the Vicarage via Facebook.

Sad to say, for the first time in many hundred years, public worship at St. Lawrence - and at the Tin Church in Bedmond - has been suspended for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus situation. This a national decision, taken by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Even though there will be no services in church, rest assured that we will still be serving the people of Abbots Langley and Bedmond just as we have since 1154.

There's much anxiety around at the moment. But people from both our churches are also around: to chat with those who need it, to pray, and where necessary to offer practical support with supplies etc. We are here for EVERYONE, regardless of whether you've ever been the slightest bit religious.

You can contact us via FB, or the Vicarage on 01923 263013 or email adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk. (Of course, please bear in mind that everyone is a little stretched right now - we will get back to you, but the response may take a few hours).

God bless. We will get to a better day.

Assembly Time

Wednesday and Friday **3pm**
School Assemblies online

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

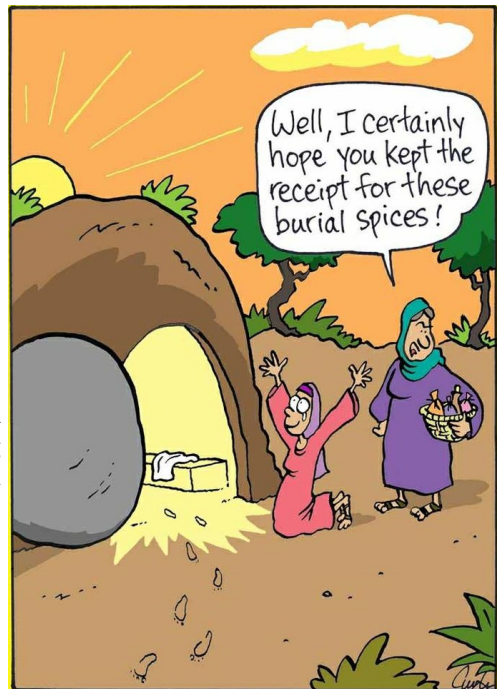
COLLECT: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and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

THE READINGS: We often have a quite justifiable level of scepticism about many of the stories reported in the Bible. Did it really happen just like that? What would an impartial historian make of it, or better still, what might someone with a video camera have recorded for us had they been there at the time? There is room for such questioning even around the central fact of the Christian story: the resurrection of the crucified Jesus. However, on the story of the discovery of Jesus' empty tomb (Matthew's version is **Matt 28:1-10** is in some ways one of the best supported historical claims of the whole New Testament. After all, if when the disciples started running around Jerusalem claiming that he had been raised the high priests and Romans had been able to produce the body, Christianity would have fizzled out very quickly indeed. No: just maybe there is another explanation for the empty tomb than the resurrection (you remember the story about graverobbers? Matt 28:13) – but if anything in the Gospels is historical, the fact of the empty tomb is surely so.

On the other hand, the mere fact of an empty tomb – even of a man come back to life – is not the heart of the Gospel. After all, no-one acclaimed Lazarus or Jairus' daughter as the Messiah! No, the empty tomb of Jesus matters because of who he was and what he said: as Peter argues in **Acts 10:34-44** what matters is that the resurrection is the vindication of Jesus' life and ministry. He was who He said He was; He had indeed acted on God's behalf, and God now set his seal upon Him. There will be no end of exploring what the resurrection means, but the first thing it means is that Jesus of Nazareth was right – right about God, right about what God wants, right about our destiny. That is truly good news.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who have responded to God's call
- » God's many blessings, especially friendship and fellowship with others

PRAY FOR

- » For those affected by the Coronavirus
- » better sharing of the world's resources
- » all those who are struggling to make ends meet
- » all people to know God's blessing and eternal love
- » for those who live in Edinburgh Drive, Edson Close, Edward Close
- » for those who worship at YMCA Chaplaincy
- » Please pray for good relations with our European neighbours

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Ben; Betty Harris; Holly Stenning;
Stephen Moore; Tim; Henry
Bremer; Michael Borrowdale;
Lesley Ward; Russell Stratton;
Susie Goldsmith; Rod Cottrell;
Baby Keyan



RIP

Alan Howe
Maisie Joiner
June Parker
Clive Winder



NEXT SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
19th April 2020

9.30 am Service from Vicarage

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4.30 pm Vicar's Story time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:14a; 22-32

John 20:19-end

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Saturday

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 13th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Vicar's Story Time

4.30 pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Vicar's Story Time

3.00 pm Online School Assembly

4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Vicar's Story Time

4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 17th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Vicar's Story Time

3.00 pm Online School Assembly

4.30 pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 18th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Vicar's Story Time

4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer



Bishops Golden Rules

For behaviour during the virus outbreak

Golden Rule One

Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.

Golden Rule Two

Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about each church undertaking an audit of all the vulnerable people they know and sharing out the responsibility to phone them each day. There's nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.

Golden Rule Three

Don't give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do you best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating you will of course need some supplies.

Golden Rule Four

Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6. 25 – 34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

Notices...

The Nameless Group - Some food for thought for the Nameless youth group (go to link)

<http://www.abbotslangley.org.uk/uploads/downloads/Share-a-pizza.pdf>

Lockdown continues - Please look out for those who are vulnerable. Remember to check on neighbours. Let's try not to assume that people who appear young, fit and healthy do not need checking up on. Over the coming weeks, anyone can be affected by the current situation. Isolation can be lonely for anyone.

Church Office - church office remains closed, however you can still call the Vicarage on 01923

263013 or

Email: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk.

Outlook - Hopefully most of the Outlook's have been delivered via Royal Mail, if you have not received it, please bear with us, it will be on it's way. If you would like a copy and do not usually receive one, please email us and we will get one posted out to you.

We are hoping to publish Outlook for May. If you have an article you would like us to consider, please email us and we will do our best to feature it.

Foodbank - Whilst the Church is closed, the foodbank drop off point is now in Budgens.

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

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