

NOTICES

ITEMS FOR SALE

2017 Village Calendar - £5.00

The Village Recipe Book - £10.00

We still have sticky toffee, lemon, ginger and triple chocolate puddings, and brandy butter, sticky toffee sauce and chocolate sauce (all in jars) prices reduced to £3.50 for the puddings and £1.50 for the butter or sauces.

Gluten Free Christmas Pudding - £3.50

Available after the 9.30 am service or from the church office.

► Today we say thank you and **GOODBYE TO STEVE SMITH** our Director of Music for almost 6 years, and wish him well for the future.

► Open meeting today at 3.30 pm in the Breakspear Room to discuss a possible **MALAWI TRIP** in June 2018. Come to hear more; no commitment necessary at this stage.

► **PARISH CONVERSATIONS** - see Peter's letter in January Outlook - please take a paper to help you think before coming to the first meetings - Sunday 22nd January at 7.30 pm or Thursday 26th January at 11.00 am in the Breakspear Room - this time we discuss - 'How do we help each other grow at Christians?'

► **TINY TOTS** on Mondays during term time at 2.15 pm - all pre-school children and their parents/carers welcome for a short time of 'fun' in the Breakspear Room.

► Do you enjoy doing **CRAFTS** but don't want to sit and do them at home on your own - then bring them along to the Breakspear Room on a Friday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 pm and work with others - knitting, sewing, quilting, lace making - whatever you like - refreshments available.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for January. Please take copies. A reminder that **annual subscriptions** are due - £4.80 for 2017; please pass to the office or your deliverer; cheques payable to 'Abbots Langley PCC' - thank you.

► Hope you enjoyed the **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**. Please hand in any money raised from selling the Quiz to either to the Church office or Judy Roe. Many thanks. Answers are available from the office or via the website.

► We have one ticket available for **CAROUSEL** at the Palace Theatre on Thursday 2nd February - speak to Pam if you'd like it - lift available.

► **FRIENDS CURRY NIGHT** - Monday 6th February, 7 for 7.30 pm at the Abbots Tandoori. Tickets £16.50pp from Sue Coultrup (334387).

► Tuesday 14th March - **THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG** at Milton Keynes Theatre £37pp - those who have signed up please can we have your money - there are a couple of spare seats for those who want to come - please speak to the office.

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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

15th January 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Reader: Sue Tomson

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Crèche

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler

Hymns: 427 - 56 - 321 - 463 - 388

Readers: Steven Smith and David Chorley

Intercessor: Peter Howarth

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

Hymns: 193 - 269 - 235 - 313

Reader: Debbie Herrington

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion

10.15 am Wednesday

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Early Prayer for the parish & community

8.15 am Thursday


WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to 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. 

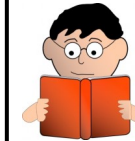
For our younger members at 9.30 am:

Crèche - there is a room in the church hall with suitable toys (0-3 years)

Seekers in the church hall (3-10 years)

except Second Sundays

(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)
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 refreshments 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: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Isaiah 49.1-7 Bible page 689

The servant referred to in this passage is not an individual, but the whole people of Israel. This people is now being commissioned by God in mission to the rest of the world. This mission is to be fulfilled despite the weakness of the servant because God's strength is what gives the power.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 1.1-9 Bible page 162

In his introduction to his letter to the Corinthians, Paul lays out the framework of the issues he is writing about. His authority is as an apostle, he is in community with Sosthenes, as the Corinthians also are, the church is called to be saints through the grace of God by which they will receive peace, and they have received the spiritual gifts from God which are needed for the life of faith.

GOSPEL John 1.29-42 Bible page 88

John the Baptist makes a strong witness to the identity of Jesus as the Lamb, the one given by God to atone for our sins, as the Messiah, the one sent by God to bring the Holy Spirit to the world, and as the Son of God, in whom God delights, the central relationship of the Gospels.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 9.1-4
I Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-23

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday

'Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us' – what does this line from the Eucharist mean to you?

'Here's an interesting link to follow:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/behold-the-lamb-of-god/782/>

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the witness of the prophets, missionaries and martyrs down the ages
- » the gift of Christ to bring us all to God
- » the opportunities for local Christians to worship and socialise together

PRAY FOR

- » the opportunities for local Christians to worship and socialise together
- » open ears and hearts to receive his calling
- » love for those who have not heard the Gospel
- » those who worship at The Methodist Church
- » those who live in Ashfields, Balmoral Road and Bedmond Road

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Val Brown : Stan Johnson : Christine Corners : Rob Sheppard : Barbara Metcalfe : Cherie Bishop and son Jason : David Reynolds : Owen Nelson : Lucie Shephard

R.I.P.

- » Joyce Bywaters : David Hobbs : Peter Steele : John Page : Dorothy Grieves : Margaret Bennett : Benjamin Flude

Amongst those we support financially with our end of year charitable giving and with our prayers, this week we pray for the work of **ORBIS**.

When you can see it can be easy to take your vision for granted. But giving vision to someone who doesn't have it is life changing and reverberates through families, communities and, ultimately, economies.

We pray that **ORBIS** continues its work bringing people together, expert surgeons, village doctors, community nurses, traditional healers, health ministers, community activists, global foundations and individual donors – creating a global community, acting as one to make sure no one loses their sight to a disease that is preventable or treatable.

www.gbr.orbis.org

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 16th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 2.20 pm Funeral of Benjamin Flude at the Crematorium
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
- 8.00 pm Property Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 17th Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 11.40 am Funeral of Peter Steele at the Crematorium

WEDNESDAY 18th Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- 10.15 am **Holy Communion**
- 11.00 am Home Communion at Abbeyfield

THURSDAY 19th Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

- 8.15 am Prayers for the local church and Community
- 2.40 pm Funeral of David Hobbs at the Crematorium
- 8.00 pm Finance Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 20th

- 10.00 am HAL Coffee Morning in the Henderson Hall
- 11.00 am Funeral of Dorothy Grieves in St Lawrence followed by Cremation
- 2-4.00 pm Crafts in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 22nd January 2016

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am **Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche**
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 4.00 pm **CTAL Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Saviour's Church**
- 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm **Parish Conversation - Growing as Christians**