

NOTICES

► We are delighted to announce that we have reached our fundraising target of £65,000 for the **BREAKSPEAR ROOM**. We did it! Thank you. For a complete report please see <http://abbotslangley.org.uk/home/extension.html>

► **CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE** this afternoon at 4.00 pm in St Saviour's RC Church, The Crescent, for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Preacher: the Rt Revd Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

► **PARISH CONVERSATIONS** - see Peter's letter in January Outlook - please take a paper to help you think before coming - the first meeting is this evening 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 as 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. If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc then come along on a Friday afternoon with your needles and wool (not white) - or ask for a pattern to knit at home.

► **YOUTH CHOIR OPEN EVENING** on Friday 3rd February from 5.45 to 7.15 pm for anyone aged 7+ who is interested in singing to come along and meet Sarah and have a sing followed by a pizza.

► **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 five spare seats for anyone else who would like to come - please ask around and then speak to the office.

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.

► Abbots Langley Gilbert & Sullivan Society are performing **CAROUSEL** from Wednesday 1st February to Saturday 4th February at Watford Palace Theatre. Amongst the cast are Emma, Russell and Phoebe Stratton, David and Tobi Southorn and Ellie Williams. Tickets available 225671 or book online www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk.

► **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.

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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

22nd January 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Linda Bullock

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Crèche

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 427 - 106 - 392 - 32 - 391 - 514
Readers: Michael Betteridge and Lisa Waddell
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

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
in the Breakspear Room

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.



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

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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 9.1-4 Bible page 647

The region of Zebulun and Naphtali have been bitterly humiliated by conquest and exile of its inhabitants, yet Isaiah prophesies the accession of a king in David's line, one who will deliver the nation from its troubles and release its people from its burdens. The use of the past perfect tense is traditional in dynastic oracles spoken at each king's accession; here it implies the certainty of a hope realised.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 1.10-18 Bible page 162

The Greek word *adelphoi*, literally meaning brothers but referring to men and women, occurs thirty eight times in I Corinthians, more than twice as many times as in any other of Paul's letters. It is a testimony to Paul's eagerness to affirm the common, shared ground and equal standing of all God's children.

GOSPEL Matthew 4.12-23 Bible page 3

Here Matthew makes explicit the connection between Jesus as the Christ and the king prophesied by Isaiah. David's kingdom is now present in Jesus. This is a kingdom which requires repentance, which, in its turn, requires discipleship. So Jesus calls his first disciples, not from the powerful and wealthy, but from the ordinary workers. This is a kingdom for all.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday

This is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. What do you think most prevents that unity from happening, and what could we do to change that?

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the fellowship of believers in Christ
- » the opening of the kingdom to all who turn to Christ
- » the journey of faith which leads to life and love

PRAY FOR

- » concern for the whole body of believers, their well being and communal relationships
- » probity and self discipline among officers of public and private institutions
- » Churches Together in Abbots Langley
- » those who live in Belgrave Drive, Bell Lane (inc Bell Close) and Berkeley Close

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

R.I.P.

- » Barbara Watson (Abbots Road) :
- Ronald Rolfe (Southampton) :
- David Reynolds : Joyce Bywaters :
- David Hobbs : Peter Steele :
- Dorothy Grieves : 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 **The Camphill Village Trust (CVT)**.

The CVT operational performance like all charities is faced with rising costs and reduced funding from local councils. The shared living scheme is to be provided by Avalon which has been approved by the Yorkshire County Council. Parents will receive further details when CVT is in the position to do so. Your encouragement and prayers are a constant support.

www.cvt.org.uk

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 23rd

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 24th Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 25th The Conversion of Paul

- 10.15 am **Holy Communion**
- 7.45 pm PCC meets in the Breakspear Room

THURSDAY 26th Timothy and Titus, Companions of St Paul

- 8.15 am Prayers for the local church and community
- 11.00 am Parish Conversations - Growing as Christians In the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 27th

- 11.00 am Funeral of Ronald Rolfe at Edmonton Cemetery
- 2-4.00 pm Crafts in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir

SATURDAY 28th Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

- 9.30 am Outside Working Party at Bedmond
- 10.00 am Burial of the Ashes of John Steele
- 12.00 noon Committal for Barbara Watson at the Crematorium
- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - Charles Edward Quarman

NEXT SUNDAY

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 29th January 2017

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion**
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- 9.30 am **Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche**
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 6.30 pm **Evening Prayer**
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