

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

20th January 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Sue Tomson

**9.30 am Parish Communion with
Seekers & Creche** in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 427 - 392 - 106 - 32 - 391 - 514
Readers: Bill Sanderson and Brenda Southorn
Intercessor: Marcus Coultrup

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 427 - 392 - 106 - 514
Reader: John Noonan

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Wednesday

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 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.

The 9.30 am service is **recorded live** on 'www.thesundayervice.org' each week. No members of the congregation will be seen on camera.



Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

A **T-loop** is provided for hearing aid users.

For our younger members in St Lawrence:

Seekers for children of primary school age (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;

Creche in the Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church



Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am 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 ask for a **Parish Giving Scheme** pack.*

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 62.1-5

Bible page 703

The intensity of expression and the ceaseless prayer are evidence of considerable stress in the community that has now come out of exile but is having difficulty rebuilding temple worship and civil life among the people returned from Babylon as well as those who never left Judea. The people still feel abandoned by God, yet the prophet continues to be inspired by God's vision of prosperity and intimate relationship with him.

SECOND READING I Corinthians 12.1-11

Bible page 170

The Corinthians were accustomed, as pagans, to attributing different aspects of life to different gods. Paul here is reminding them that they have left that way of thinking and have entered into a relationship with the one God, who works through the one Spirit. All aspects of life are governed and motivated by one Divine Being. Furthermore, it is not possible, while in this relationship with God, to then attack him or reduce him in status. A person who is in a loving relationship with God shows gifts and attitudes of positive value towards God and other people.

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

Bible page 89

The wedding at Cana is the first of Jesus' public signs, made before he had officially begun his ministry but after he had called the disciples, who were with him at the feast. Jesus resists his mother's efforts to get him to sort the problem out, as though he were an unsung talent that needed recognition, but when he perceives the real need of the people and the real opportunity to introduce the new relationship with God he is bringing about, he takes it.

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.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

'The Lord bless you and keep you'

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his
countenance upon you
And give you peace.
Amen.

A Prayer from the material produced for
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
by the Churches of Indonesia
'Only Justice' - 18th to 25th January

God of all,
you have shown us the path of justice.
You are the father of the orphan.
You are the constant companion of the widow.
You are the friend of the stranger.
In each of these,
may we meet you
and recognize the wind of your Spirit,
moving us toward the need for justice.
In all that we do,
may we know your grace and mercy
and offer healing and justice in your name. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Jesus meeting our real needs in bringing us into close, loving relationship with God
- » God's never ending care and attention for us, even when we are not aware of it

PRAY FOR

- » faith in God's presence with us
- » gifts and attitudes that build up the community of the faithful
- » all those looking forward to and Preparing for marriage this summer
- » for those who attend or work in Abbots Langley School; for those who live in Abbots Road and Adrian House
- » for those who worship at the Church of the Ascension

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Andrew Cummings : Brian McIntosh : Stephen : Sandra Smalley : Ben : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa

RIP

- » Margaret Golding (Margaret House) : Frederick Peters : Melvyn Green : Gladys Brodhurst

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 21st

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 22nd

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Property Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

Wednesday 23rd

- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 3.40 pm Funeral of Margaret Golding at the Crematorium

Friday 25th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am HAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
Abbots Langley High Street
- 11.00 am Funeral of Melvyn Green at the Crematorium
- 1.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Funeral of Frederick Peters at the Crematorium
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 26th

- 7.00 pm Malawi Fundraiser Sing-a-long
In the church hall

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 27th January 2019

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
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9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Angela Milton

11.15 am Holy Communion
in the Tin Church, Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Beatitudes' continues tonight at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room; the Tuesday afternoon course begins at 12.30 pm with a light lunch. Books (£5) are available at both meetings.

► **ASCENSION ACORNS** is a new group which has just started in the Tin Church, Bedmond on Fridays from 1.00 to 2.30 pm - for parents/carers and their babies and toddlers - all welcome.

► **MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS** are now on Wednesday at 12.00 noon and held in the Corpus Christi Chapel. The services will be followed by soup and a roll in the Breakspear Room. All welcome.

► **QUIET CONTEMPLATION** now begins at 11.15 am on Wednesdays.

► Another **HOME GROUP** is coming on the scene! Led by Jane McHugh and Angela Milton the aim of the group is to provide an informal opportunity to explore Christianity together from different angles e.g. short courses, poetry, art, film. This is to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm in the Breakspear Room starting on 7th February. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

► **SING-A-LONG** in aid of Malawi Funds on Saturday 26th January at 7.00 pm - **Mama Mia (Here we go again)**. £6 a ticket to include refreshments. Tickets available from the Malawi team.

► Next Sunday (27th January) at 6.30 pm will be the monthly **TAIZE SERVICE** - a very simple style of worship, characterised chiefly by the use of simple meditative chants, candlelight, contemplative reading of Scripture and silence. It is informal: no-one dresses up, no-one processes, people sit, stand or kneel as seems right to them. Why not come along?

► The **COAT OF ARMS**, which hangs above the south (main) door, will be removed this week and taken away for conservation. This is to be paid for using the legacy left to

the Friends of St Lawrence. It will return by the end of March.

► **VILLAGE CALENDARS** £5 each, from the church office or at *Over the Moon*.

► **FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE CURRY NIGHT** at the Abbots Tandoori on Monday 18th February at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. £17 per person. Contact Sue Coultrup (334387).

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for January - please take a copy (40p). We hope you will continue your subscription (£4.80) into 2019 - please pay your deliverer or via the office.

► Buying on-line in the sales? Don't forget to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** before you shop - most of the major stores are listed - www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley

► The Christmas Card 'yellow stars' raised £101.95 for **CHRISTIAN AID**; the Christmas retiring collections for **CRISIS** raised £109.40; and the Christingle candle collection boxes for the **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** raised £780.53. Thank you to all who donated.

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