

NOTICES

► **CTAL LENT COURSE - LIVING GOD'S LOVE** - begins this week, please sign the list at the back of church and see Outlook for more details. Copy of the booklet available. It would be good if you could pay £1 towards its production.

► **LENT LUNCHESES** - on Sunday 12th and 26th March in the Church hall. Homemade soup, bread, cheese, fruit, and refreshments for a donation to church funds. Please sign the list if you would like to come.

► **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** - please look out for fairly traded goods when you are shopping - not just this fortnight, of course, but all the time and buy via the Traidcraft stall during coffee today (5th).

► **PRAY FOR A GROWING CHURCH** on Monday's from 10.15 to 10.45 am in the Corpus Christi Chapel. An opportunity to pray for a church growing in faith, diversity, love and numbers - all welcome.

► **TINY TOTS** at 2.15 pm on Mondays during term-time in the Breakspear Room for Parents/Carers and their children.

► **PREACHER'S WORKSHOPS** every Monday from 8.00 to 9.30 pm starting on 6th March in the Breakspear Room - an opportunity to discuss the readings for the week ahead. All welcome.

► **EVENING QUIET** on the first Tuesday of the month between 8.00 and 9.00 pm in the Corpus Christi Chapel - an hour of candlelit contemplativeness, prayer, silence and stillness.

► **MESSY CHURCH** on Wednesday 8th March from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm in the Methodist Church hall - This month's theme is 'Lent'.

► Buy **TRADCRAFT EASTER GIFTS** via the Church and help Traidcraft fairtrade producers and Church funds. The "Real Easter Egg" tells the story of Easter - Milk Chocolate at £4 each, Dark Chocolate at £5.50 each. Both come in cases of 6, so we will have a few from stock to sell but specific orders will be very helpful. Other items too are available, see the catalogue we have available or search the website www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

► **TALK** by Tony Eaton 'Invasion 1940....What if?' on Saturday 11th March at 7.30 pm in the Church hall. Tickets £5 pp available from the Church office. Proceeds to go to Friends.

► Please take a paper copy of the report from **GENERAL SYNOD** written by one of the diocesan General Synod reps.

► If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc then come along on a Friday afternoon to the **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION** at 2.00 pm with your needles and wool (not white) - or pick up a pattern to knit at home.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for March. Please take copies. If you or anyone you know would like to **ADVERTISE** their business we have a few spaces in the magazine contact the office 261795 to find out more.

► Laugh and cry with three hostages in Abbots Langley Players presentation of **"SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME"** in the Henderson hall from 29th March to 1st April at 7.45 pm. You will be watching strangers trying to find companionship and strength to survive their ordeal. Tickets £8 from the box office 0844 804 5354 or online www.abbotsplayers.co.uk.

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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

5th March 2017
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche
President & Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith
Hymns: 145 - 466 - 426 - 464 - 39 - 188
Readers: Pat Hibberd and Paul McHugh
Intercessor: Sally Sanderson

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith
Hymns: 145 - 466 - 426 - 188
Reader: Martin Tanner

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course
in the Breakspear Room

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 those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read, 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**.

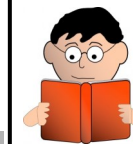
A **T-loop** is provided for hearing aid users. 

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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness; and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Bible page 2

The story of the Fall provides a fitting backdrop to our observance of Lent. Adam and Eve are commanded to enjoy freely the fruits of the Garden of Eden, but to abstain from what will prove deadly. The serpent deceives them and they choose to disobey God, lacking the discernment to recognise the evil that will result from this choice.

SECOND READING Romans 5.12-19 Bible page 151

Paul roundly attributes sin to Adam (not to Eve!) Adam's trespass consisted in taking that to which he had no right: God's free gift is also something to which we have no right. Adam's misdeed put everybody in the wrong; but Christ's good deed, his complete obedience to God even to death on the cross, puts us right with God and restores us to life.

GOSPEL Matthew 4.1-11 Bible page 3

That 'the devil can quote scripture' is clearly demonstrated by the account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (though the devil quotes from the Greek version of the Old Testament!) After his baptism, Jesus' calling and relationship to God are tested: will he use his power selfishly, or frivolously, or for earthly glory? The same questions are asked of us and of our abilities.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

It is only a projection, but: '... incomes will rise slowly for high income households, stagnate in the middle and fall at the bottom. Very significant cuts to working-age welfare of over £12 billion are a key component of what looks set to be falling living standards for almost the entire bottom half of the working-age income distribution between this year and 2020-21. The result is the biggest rise in inequality since the late 1980s.' The Resolution Foundation, March 2017.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 12.1-4a
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
John 3.1-17

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's free gift to us of life in Jesus Christ
- » the opportunity Lent gives us to grow in holiness
- » those who use power well and wisely

PRAY FOR

- » grace to withstand temptation
- » deeper commitment to praying, giving and fasting
- » the CTAL Lent groups
- » Seekers (Sunday School) and its leaders
- » those who worship at The Methodist Church
- » those who live in Deans Close, De Havilland Way and Dellmeadow

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Annie Rycroft : Roy Bratt : Sheila Gorman : John Tapster : Val Brown : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard : Barbara Metcalfe : Lucie Shephard

R.I.P.

- » Sheila Judy MacMillan (Hyde Farm) : Gillian Hillier (Manorhouse Gardens) : Betty Collins (Carol Higgs' mum) : Marie Merralls : Hilda May : Ruby Howe : Richard Tovell



THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 6th

- 10.15 am Pray for a growing church in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 4.00 pm Funeral of Ruby Howe at the Crematorium
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Group at St Paul's Vicarage
- 8.00 pm Preacher's Workshop in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 7th

- Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203
- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 2.30 pm Funeral of Hilda May at the Crematorium
- 8-9.00 pm Evening Quiet in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY 8th

- Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910
- 10.15 am Holy Communion including MU Corporate Communion
- 10.45 am MU Lent Meditation in the Breakspear Room
- 3.30 pm Messy Church at the Methodist Church
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir meeting in the Breakspear Room

THURSDAY 9th

- 8.15 am Prayers for the local church and community
- 10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens
- 11.00 am CTAL Lent Course in the Breakspear Room
- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - Albert George Sage

FRIDAY 10th

- 10.00 am Heart for Abbots Langley Coffee Morning in the Henderson Hall
- 12.00 noon Funeral of Richard Tovell at the Crematorium
- 2.00 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Methodist Church
- 2-4.00 pm Crafts in the Breakspear Room
- 2.40 pm Funeral of Marie Merralls at the Crematorium
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir

SATURDAY 11th

- 7.30 pm Friends Talk by Tony Eaton in the church hall "Invasion 1940.....What if?"

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 12th March 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
- 9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Lent Lunch in the Church hall
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course
in the Breakspear Room