

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

18th February 2018

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### TODAY

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Sue Tomson

#### 9.30 am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd  
Hymns: 144 - 466 - 426 - 464 - 39 - 188  
Readers: Carol Higgs & Simon Stanley  
Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

#### 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond followed by congregational meeting

Presidents & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 144 - 466 - 426 - 188  
Reader: Martin Tanner

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

#### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

#### 7.30 pm Lent Course - 'The Lord's Prayer' In the Breakspear Room

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

#### Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

#### Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

#### Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

#### Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

#### Early Prayer for the local 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 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 at 9.30 am:

##### Crèche (0-3 years)

in the Breakspear Room  
with suitable toys;

##### Seekers (3-10 years)

in the church hall,  
(except Second Sundays  
when all in church together);

*(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)*

##### Quiet Children's Corner in Church



If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for refreshments in the 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 regular direct debit, please pick up 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, 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 9.8-17

Bible page 7

This part of the Flood story is told by the priestly author, one of four probable authors of the first five books of the Bible. The concerns of the priestly author are with religious practice, symbol and ritual that keep people in right relationship with God. The rainbow symbol is one that works with our natural joy at seeing one after a rain storm, when the sun starts coming through the black clouds, but is not something we can control and we have no means of perceiving it, except by sight, at a distance. Thus the rainbow symbolises God's power and his elusiveness, as well as his love and faithfulness.

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.18-end

Bible page 232

Peter emphasises God's power and faithfulness starting with his dealings with humanity through Noah and the Flood. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's patience and love and control of creation. As a reminder that it is not we who save ourselves by consenting to undergo baptism, Peter says that the saving is done by God; the baptism is the moment when we are opened up to his saving power by our acknowledgement of our own powerlessness and need of him.

### GOSPEL

Mark 1.9-15

Bible page 33

This is a very concise account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry including his baptism, time in the wilderness and John's arrest with the central message that Jesus preached. The Holy Spirit has a prominent part to play in this section as he comes upon Jesus at baptism and is with him while he is tempted in the wilderness. Even Jesus, it seems, is not independent and needs God's power and faithfulness to protect, sustain and inspire him.

**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.

### ANTHEM at 9.30 am

"Turn Thy Face From My Sins"

Music by Thomas Attwood,

text Psalm 51.9-11

Turn thy face from my sins,  
and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's continuing presence and love, keeping us safe whatever happens
- » those who work continually to help us reduce our exploitation of the earth
- » the challenge and joy of living on this beautiful, dynamic planet

### PRAY FOR

- » faith in God's fidelity and power to save
- » hope in all circumstances that all will be well
- » love for God, each other and all creation
- » charity leaders who are now in the spotlight; incidents that have been covered up are being revealed; governance is being questioned; past events, policies and practices will need reviewing; they need wisdom and discernment as well as openness and boldness to take action
- » those who live in Bell Lane, Berkeley Close, Bishop's Court
- » the YMCA Chaplaincy at Woodside

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Jean Harris : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Annie Rycroft : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Sheila Hayes : Joe : Hazel Muskett : Lillian : Maureen Chester : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Ewan Mander

### RIP

- » Bill Newman (Breakspeare Place) : Len Reed (Bluebell Drive) : Robin Hill : Jennifer Izzard : Jean Johnstone : Christine Viner

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16; Romans 4.13-end;  
Mark 8.31-end

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 19th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 7.30 pm Ringers' practice in St Lawrence tower

### TUESDAY 20th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Room
- 2.00 pm Lent Course in the Breakspeare Room
- 7.00 pm St Lawrence Youth Club meets in the church hall

### WEDNESDAY 21st

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Seekers leaders meet in the B'spear Rm

### THURSDAY 22nd

- 8.00 pm Housegroup at 6 Kindersley Way

### FRIDAY 23rd

- 10.00 am Craft Group in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 12.15 pm Funeral of Jenny Izzard in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspeare Room
- 3.20 pm Funeral of George (Len) Reed at the Crematorium
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the B'spear Rm

### SATURDAY 24th

- 10.00 am and 2.00 pm Friends photography tuition in the church hall
- 11.00 am Malawi meeting in the Breakspeare Room

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25th February 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** at St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche** at St Lawrence  
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- 12.30 pm Baptism** of Kaci Toms at St Lawrence
- 12.45 for 1.00 pm Lent Lunch** in the church hall
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** at St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Taize Service** at St Lawrence

*The Lent Group will meet at either 5.00 pm or 8.15 pm*

## NOTICES

► **LENT COURSE** - please sign the list in either church if you would like to attend one of the Lent Courses: Sundays at 7.30 pm, begins tonight; or Tuesdays at 2.00 pm beginning this week - both in the Breakspare Room; both using the Pilgrim Course on the Lord's Prayer.

► **LENT LUNCHES** on Sundays 25th February and 11th March in the hall at 12.45 for 1.00 pm - please sign the list if you would like to come.

► **TABLE TOP SALE FOR MALAWI** today in the hall during coffee - all proceeds to raise funds for Malawi 2018.

► **MANY THANKS** to all those who came to the Mothers' Union Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday - they raised £295 for MU work in this country and overseas.

► **ABBOTS LANGLEY PLAYERS** will perform 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' in the Henderson Hub from Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th March at 7.45 pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 pm. There will be familiar faces, young and not so young, in the cast. Tickets from 0844 804 5354.

► **TELL ME ON A SUNDAY** - starring Emma Stratton and friends, reprising their sold-out performances in Abbots Langley in the autumn - at Edge Grove School in Radlett **today** at 5.00 pm. Tickets £14 each from box office: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/radlettmusicaltheatrecompany](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/radlettmusicaltheatrecompany) or call: 07950 884234.

► Please keep your **USED STAMPS** for the Hospice of St Francis. Leave them in the box at the back of either church or in the office.

► Before you next shop online remember to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** - to help raise church funds. Use this link [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley) - it won't cost you a penny but the church will benefit.

► **ABBNEYFIELD ABBOTS LANGLEY** (supported sheltered accommodation in Greenways) has bed-sitting room vacancies at present. If you would like to look around please contact the House on 263541 or speak to Jan Palmer, Marcus Coultrup, Norman Meldrum or Pam Rastall for further information.

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for February.

► **ROBIN HILL'S FUNERAL** will be on Tuesday 27th February at 2.00 pm in St Lawrence.

► The Abbots Langley **CARERS' NETWORK** meets on Wednesday 28th February (and the last Wednesday of every month) in the Methodist small hall between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon - for all (non professional) carers (those looking after someone with a long-term or debilitating illness). Speak to Joan Gentry or Brenda Southorn if you would like to know more.

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