

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

25th February 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Pam Haggith

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 53 - 242 - 106 - 412 - 328 - 380
Readers: Laura Furlong and Norman Meldrum
Intercessor: Liz Burns

12.30 pm Christening for Kaci Toms at St Lawrence

12.45 for 1.00 pm Lent Lunch in the hall

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence

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 everyone 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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Bible page 13

The meaning of the name Abram is "High Father", referring to his status within his household as the senior patriarch, but also in this case to his status as the original patriarch of the people of Israel. The name Abraham means "Father of many", somewhat ironic at this stage in Abraham's story as he has only one child by a concubine and none by his wife. There are many deeply challenging aspects of Abraham's story, one of them being the way God makes Abraham wait so long for a legitimate child and then gives him only one. Abraham doesn't live to see his grandchildren and so never knows whether God fulfilled his promise. Yet Abraham continues to have faith in the covenant.

SECOND READING Romans 4.13-end Bible page 150

Paul picks up this theme of faith, which is the source of Abraham's righteousness, versus obedience to the law. Paul's consistent message is that keeping the law does not bring salvation, only faith does. Faith is a sign of a trusting, loving relationship between people whereas law is needed to keep order where people either do not know each other or are potentially hostile. Law is inappropriate for our relationship with God. If we love him and each other, we will naturally act in a way that makes law unnecessary.

GOSPEL Mark 8.31-end Bible page 42

Here Jesus lays before the disciples the full implications of his own mission to humanity, a task that is costly in the extreme, probably made more difficult by his own foreknowledge. Peter's well intentioned rebuke just makes it harder and is probably rooted in his own need for Jesus, rather than in genuine concern for Jesus and his mission. Hence the rather shocking response of Jesus, calling Peter "Satan" because that is how Satan often works, using apparently good intentions to undermine God's work.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

"Thou knowest, Lord"

Music by Henry Purcell ;tText from the Burial Service

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, to fall from thee.
Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's faithful covenant through history
- » those who take the good news to the world at great cost to their safety and comfort
- » the opportunity to participate in God's work in the world

PRAY FOR

- » courage to speak of Christ and act like him
- » discernment of the real source of our own motives and actions
- » Kaci Toms, to be christened today
- » those who live in Blenheim Road, Bluebell Drive, Booksellers' Retreat
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for Paul Books, their Lay Pastor

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

- » Brian Roberts (AL High Street) :
Eric Varty (De Havilland Way) :
Bill Newman : Len Reed : Robin Hill :
Jenny Izzard

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 26th

- 2.00 pm Funeral of Bill Newman at the Crem
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 7.30 pm Ringers' practice in St Lawrence tower
- 8.00 pm Worship Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 27th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Room
- 2.00 pm Funeral of Robin Hill in St Lawrence followed by private cremation
- 7.00 pm St Lawrence Youth Club meets in the church hall

WEDNESDAY 28th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 10.30 am Carers' Network meets in the Methodist hall
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm Lent Course in the Breakspear Room
- 3.00 pm Funeral of Brian Roberts at the Crem
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

THURSDAY 1st March

- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier Harry Hook

FRIDAY 2nd

- 10.00 am Craft Group in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Paul's, Langleybury
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the B'spear Rm
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the B'spear Rm

SATURDAY 3rd

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 4th March 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
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
- 11.00 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** at St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Lent Course** in the Breakspear Room

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 20.1-17; I Corinthians 1.18-25;
John 2.13-22

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

NOTICES

▶ The **LENT COURSE** has begun, but it's not too late to join - please come along on a Sunday at 7.30 pm or a Tuesday at 2.00 pm (Wednesday this week only, due to funeral) - both in the Breakspear Room; both using the Pilgrim Course on the Lord's Prayer.

▶ **LENT LUNCHES** today and 11th March in the hall at 12.45 for 1.00 pm - please sign the list if you would like to come.

▶ The current total for **MALAWI 2018** is £9,061. Thank you to everybody who has supported our recent events or made a donation! (The recent **table top sale** raised over £200.) If you would like to make a contribution, please pick up a donation form in church or go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>.

▶ The **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**, this year, is at St Paul's, Langleybury at 2.00 pm on Friday 2nd March - all are welcome.

▶ **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for March.

▶ **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; £10, and £7.50 for under 18s.

▶ 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 - it won't cost you a penny but the church will benefit.

▶ **ABBEYFIELD 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.

▶ The **Abbots Langley CARERS' NETWORK** meets on Wednesday this week (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.

▶ 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.

▶ We are part way through **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** (26th February to 11th March) - look out for fairtrade items when you are shopping - they will all have the logo on them - or buy them during coffee on Sunday 4th March.



▶ **TRAIDCRAFT REAL EASTER EGGS** available now - milk chocolate £4; plain chocolate £5.50 - speak to Norman Meldrum or the Church Office.

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

