

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

17th March 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Adoration



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 and Creche** in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 144 - 466 - 426 - 464 - -39 - 380
Intercessor: Liz Burns
Readers: Brian Peters and Laura Furlong

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 144 - 466 - 426 - 380
Reader: John Noonan

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

12.45 pm Christening for Zachary Zarahiah
in St Lawrence

6.30 pm Choral Evensong 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 Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

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 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 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

I Chronicles 29.10-13

Bible page 397

These lines will be familiar from our Communion liturgy. Both in our service and at the dedication of the Temple, which this passage records, there's a recognition that ultimately worship is a response to the glory of God. Religion is not, ultimately, about rules or ethics – it is about the encounter with majesty.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5.11-14

Bible page 246

In heaven all creation sings God's praise. Not only do the angels and the heavenly host sing, but every creature of earth and sea and sky that has been redeemed also 'sings with full voice' to the glory of its Creator. In our worship here, we are learning our part in the music of heaven.

GOSPEL

Mark 14.3-9

Bible page 49

Mark's Gospel is generally full of how slow the disciples are, and how often they get things seriously wrong. Not so in this passage, where the anonymous woman is praised for responding in just the right way to Jesus and his impending Passion. The right response is one of unabashed, simple love: she remains a model for all discipleship today.

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 - 'Hide not thou thy face' by Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the opportunity Lent gives us to grow in holiness
- » the freedom we have to confess our faith openly

PRAY FOR

- » grace to withstand temptation
- » deeper commitment to praying, giving and fasting
- » all those working to make the world a fairer place for all
- » those experiencing flooding in Southern Malawi where churches and buildings have collapsed
- » the CTAL Lent Course on Prayer
- » Craig and Gemma Watson who married in St Lawrence on Thursday
- » Zachary Zarahiah to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those who live in Castano Court, Chapel Way, Cherry Hollow
- » those who worship at the St Lawrence

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Stan Johnson : Karen Clark : Ada : Ben : Paul Maxted : Andrew Cummings : Vanessa : Sean Brosnan : Brian McIntosh : Sandra Smalley

RIP

- » John Sutton (Trowley Rise) : James Johnston (Little How Croft) : Winifred Shirran : Peter Holland : Sheila Whitton

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Theme this week: Prayer as Confession

24th March 2019

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

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

11.15 am Holy Communion in Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

12.45 pm Christening for Osian Shepherdson

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

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 18th

- 11.30 am CTAL Lent group in the Tin Church
- 12.00 noon Funeral of Sheila Whitton in St Lawrence followed by cremation
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower
- 8.00 pm MAP Steering Group meets at 60 Abbots Road

Tuesday 19th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Baptist Church
- 8.00 pm PCC meets in the Breakspear Room

Wednesday 20th

- 10.30 am Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 2.00 pm CTAL Lent group in the Breakspear Room
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 21st

- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in St Paul's Vicarage
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Methodist hall
- 8.00 pm Mothers' Union meets in the Breakspear Room

Friday 22nd

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.30 am CTAL Lent group in St Saviour's Rooms
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 12.00 noon Funeral of Winifred Shirran at the Crematorium
- 1.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Psalm 51.1-17; 1 John 1.5-10;
Luke 15.11-end

NOTICES

► **CHORAL EVENSONG** will be sung by the choir in St Lawrence this evening at 6.30 pm. Evensong packs so much into the 45 minute service yet remains an elegantly simple form of worship. It dates back to 1549 when it was written down in the Book of Common Prayer. The music took shape a few decades later, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and each generation has expanded the musical repertoire. The choir has decided to mark the recent death of Peter Hurford, former Director of Music at St Albans Abbey, by singing his anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit. Other music includes: Canticles: Walmsley; Responses: Marsh; Psalm 89.

► Churches Together has arranged for **LENT GROUPS** to take place on each day of the week. It's not too late to join in - just turn up to a meeting which suits you - there are morning, afternoon and evening sessions. The course is based on one available on the web so if you can't attend and have access look on www.prayercourse.org.

► **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - it is renewed every six years and this is one of the renewal years. If you are a regular worshipper (at least monthly) at any service in either church please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church Office by 8th April. There are also packs to join **PLANNED GIVING** (if you are not already a member) as your membership of the Electoral Roll has financial implications for the amount we pay to the Diocese.

► Possible **THEATRE TRIPS** - to see **Motown, the Musical** (July/Aug, Milton Keynes) and/or **The Girl on the Train** (Sept, Wycombe Swan) - please sign the list to register interest for either/both.

MESSY CHURCH

Next one is Wednesday 10th April in the Methodist church and hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm for all primary and younger aged children and parents/carers: stories, activities and fun, finishing with supper.

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE

Some dates for your diary: the next event is the **Puzzle and Toy Fair** on Saturday 27th April from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the church hall; please look out all the jigsaws and toys (in good condition) that you no longer need as others might like to buy them; then on Saturday 11th May, a **Safari Supper**; hosts are still needed so if you can provide a main course for between six and ten guests in your house please contact Sue Coultrup.

► Copies of the second edition of **ALBAN LIFE** - the diocesan magazine - are available at the back of both churches. Please take copies - they are free.

► **OUTLOOK** (parish magazine) is available for March - please take a copy (40p). If you would like a copy delivered each month please contact the office to arrange this.

► The **ABBOTS LANGLEY ORCHESTRA** concert is on Sunday 24th March in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. The programme includes a saxophone concerto by Glazunov plus pieces by Weber and Borodin. Tickets available on the door.

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