

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

4th March 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Hymns: 82 - 231 - 311 - 295 - 287 - 310
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 82 - 231 - 311 - 310
Reader: Chris Ballard

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, and those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read - 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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other that the way of life and peace; 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

Exodus 20.1-17

Bible page 68

Here are the ten commandments, which many older people may remember saying in church at Holy Communion services. The first four commandments are all about how we are to relate to God and the other six are about how we are to regulate our relationships with each other. Love of God and love of neighbour.

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1.18-25

Bible page 162

Although we humans lead much of our lives according to common sense, we are capable of recognising when the apparently sensible or justifiable action is actually counter-productive. Much of Jesus' teaching and his whole ministry, including his death on the cross, was about explaining and showing how the apparently self destructive way of putting God and neighbour first was the only true way to eternal life. Living the counter-intuitive life lifts it to a higher plane that cannot be achieved through the common sense approach.

GOSPEL

John 2.13-22

Bible page 89

John puts this story at the beginning of Jesus ministry. According to John, Jesus laid out the pattern of his life and ministry at the outset by overturning the old rituals and commercial basis of Jewish culture and religion and putting relationship with God through himself in its place. Quite naturally, no-one understood him at the time, but the impact of his symbolic action meant that his message was remembered as his ministry was played out to the cross.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

"O for a Closer Walk With God"
music by Charles Stanford;
text by William Cowper

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the lamb.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Jesus showing us how to live life
- » the work of environmental groups around the world protecting vulnerable places

PRAY FOR

- » faith in Christ's example and courage to follow it
- » courage among politicians to lead the country in caring for the environment
- » willingness to give up comforts now to enable the human race to flourish in the future
- » the elderly and vulnerable in this cold spell
- » those who live in Braham Crescent, Breakspear Road; and for the staff and pupils at Breakspear School
- » those who worship at the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

RIP

- » Brian Roberts : Eric Varty : Bill Newman : Robin Hill

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Numbers 21.4-9; Ephesians 2.1-10;
John 3.14-21

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 5th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots
- 2.20 pm Funeral of Eric Varty
at the Crematorium
- 7.30 pm Ringers' practice in St Lawrence tower

TUESDAY 6th

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

WEDNESDAY 7th

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning at Bedmond
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

FRIDAY 9th

- 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 Craft & Conversation in the B'spear Rm
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the B'spear Rm

SATURDAY 10th

- 10.00 am Keep Bedmond Beautiful - litter picking
- meet at the Tin Church
- 11.30 am Christening preparation in the Breakspear Room

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday) 1th March 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion at St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service at St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

11.00 am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

12.30 pm Lent Lunch 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

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 - both in the Breakspear Room; both using the Pilgrim Course on the Lord's Prayer.

► **LENT LUNCH** on 11th March in the hall at 12.45 for 1.00 pm - please sign the list if you would like to come - please note it is Mothering Sunday!

► The current total for **MALAWI 2018** is £9,061. Thank you to everybody who has supported our events or made a donation! 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>.

► **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. So far almost £1500 has been raised - thank you to those who support us this way.

► 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 today.

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

► Friends of St Lawrence **SAFARI SUPPER** on Saturday 14th April: could you be a host for 4 - 6 people for a main meal, or provide a dessert (reasonable costs paid)?

Would you like to attend? Tickets £16.50. Contact Sue Coultrup 334387 or the church office.

► **PALM SUNDAY** (25th March) - the time of the services on Palm Sunday will be: 11.00 am on Kitters Green for the CTAL Blessing of the Palm (with a parallel service in St Lawrence for those who cannot do the walk); the Communion Service will begin at 11.30 am - the Methodists and Baptists will be joining us; the Catholics will begin their Mass in St Saviour's at 11.30 am. This is also the morning the clocks jump forward so you will be pleased not to lose your extra hour - providing you can stay asleep!

► **CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP** - Saturday 24th March from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm - lots of activities and fun for primary age children (younger ones can be accompanied). Contact the office to book a place for your child(ren).

► 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.

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

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

