

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

24th March 2019

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Confession



### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: David Staines

**9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 53 - 212 - 106 - 148 - 328 - 188  
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

**11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 53 - 212 - 106 - 188  
Reader: Wendy Ball

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

**12.45 pm Christening** for  
Osian Shepherdson in St Lawrence

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer** 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.thesundayservice.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, 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 than 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**                      Isaiah 6.1-8                      Bible page 645

The prophet Isaiah tells the story of his calling: a vision in which heaven and earth meet. God is seen as almighty, awesome, and powerful: it is a vision which engenders fear (it was not thought possible to see God and live), and the holiness of God makes Isaiah realise his own sinfulness. Yet Isaiah is assured that his sins are forgiven; he is called by the Most High, and Thrice-Holy God to prophesy and call his people back to God.

**SECOND READING**                      I John 1.5-10                      Bible page 236

The community to which this letter was addressed was divided over the issue of Jesus' humanity. Against those who asserted that Jesus only *appeared* to be human and to suffer, the author attests that Jesus could be seen and heard and touched: that he was truly human, as well as being truly divine. He showed the vocation of all Christians: holiness, or perfect union with the Father. This is not something we can achieve by our own efforts ('if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...') but through the grace of God offered through the cross of Christ.

**GOSPEL**                                      Luke 18.9-14                      Bible page 78

This parable is a warning against being over-confident in our own righteousness and a lesson in humility for those who judge other people's faith. The tax-collector appealed to God's grace and mercy: his eyes, though cast down, were fixed on God. The Pharisee, by contrast, used his prayer arrogantly; his words belie his supposedly righteous actions – he is a man with his eyes fixed firmly on himself.

**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 -**

'Turn thy face from my sins' - Attwood

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.

**A Prayer following Cyclone Idai**  
- Christian Aid

Shelter in the storm;  
Light in the darkness;  
Hope even in a living hell.  
God be with our sisters and brothers  
in Mozambique  
in Malawi  
in Zimbabwe.  
Behind the numbing numbers  
are names;  
Behind the staggering statistics  
are life stories to be told.

God, help us be with our sisters and brothers - gather us close so we open our spirits and share. Your world is our global neighbourhood. Help us forge the rain-driven path together, for only together can we weather the storms. Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's patience with us, and his justice towards us
- » those whose lives set an example to others

### PRAY FOR

- » those who have lost faith through suffering
- » humility not to envy or judge others
- » our government at this critical time
- » those affected by Cyclone Idai in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe
- » the CTAL Lent Course on Prayer
- » Osian Shepherdson to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those who live in Church Hill, College Road, Creasy Close
- » those who worship at St Paul's Church and for the Revd James Webster

### 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

- » Carl Ballard (Hemel Hempstead) : Nicholas Long (Kindersley Way) : George Twyman (Parsonage Close) : John Sutton : James Johnston : Winifred Shirran : Peter Holland

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Theme this week: Prayer as Thanksgiving

#### Mothering Sunday

31st March 2019

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
- 11.15 am Holy Communion** in Bedmond  
President: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Vanessa Kerswill
- 6.30 pm Taize** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday 25th

- 10.20 am Funeral for James Johnston at the Crem
- 11.30 am CTAL Lent group in the Tin Church
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 2.30 pm MU Deanery Lady Day Service in St Peter's, Bushey Mill Lane
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

### Tuesday 26th

- 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

### Wednesday 27th

- 10.30 am Carers' Network in the Methodist hall
- 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
- 8.00 pm Interviews for Bereavement Visitors in the Breakspear Room

### Thursday 28th

- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in St Paul's Vicarage
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Methodist hall

### Friday 29th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 10.30 am CTAL Lent group in St Saviour's Rooms
- 11.00 am Funeral for Peter Holland at the Crem
- 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

### Saturday 30th March

- 9.00 am Bereavement Visitors training in the Breakspear Room

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-7;  
Luke 17.11-19

## NOTICES

► There will be a **DEC APPEAL** retiring collection after all services today for Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe following Cyclone Idai. Please use a gift aid envelope if possible.

► There are some Meaningful Chocolate Company **EASTER EGGS** for sale during coffee in the hall today.

► **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.

► The **ABBOTS LANGLEY ORCHESTRA** concert is this evening (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.

► 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.

► AL Gardening Society **SPRING SHOW** on Saturday 30th March in the Henderson Hub between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. Entry: non members £1; members free. Jams and plants for sale.

► Congratulations to **DOREEN and BRIAN HIGGS** as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 28th March.

### 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.

► **CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP** on Saturday 13th April from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the church hall. Places booked through the Church Office (261795).

► **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.

► 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.

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

