

NOTICES

► Many thanks to Doreen Higgs who has made the **SIMNEL CAKE** to be eaten during coffee today.

► **CTAL LENT COURSE - LIVING GOD'S LOVE** - continues this week, with a choice of days, times and venues, please see March Outlook for more details. Copy of the booklet available. It would be good if you could pay £1 towards its production.

► Peter has produced a paper following the recent **PARISH CONVERSATIONS** - copies are available at the back of church, or on the website or can be emailed or printed if requested.

► **PRAY FOR A GROWING CHURCH** on Mondays from 10.15 to 10.45 am in the Corpus Christi Chapel. An opportunity to pray for a church growing in faith, diversity, love and numbers - all welcome.

► Buy **TRADCRAFT EASTER GIFTS** via the Church and help Traidcraft fairtrade producers and Church funds. The "Real Easter Egg" tells the story of Easter - Milk Chocolate at £4 each, Dark Chocolate at £5.50 each. Both come in cases of 6, so we will have a few from stock to sell but specific orders to Norman Meldrum by 26th March. Other items are available too, see the catalogue or search the website www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

► Laugh and cry with three hostages in Abbots Langley Players presentation of "**SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME**" in the Henderson hall from 29th March to 1st April at 7.45 pm. You will be watching strangers trying to find companionship and strength to survive their ordeal. Tickets £8 from the box office 0844 804 5354 or online www.abbotsplayers.co.uk.

► **TINY TOTS** has grown in numbers recently. Colleen is there to provide refreshments every Monday - it would be good if someone could help her - either every week or on a rota 2.00 - 3.00 pm during term time only - please speak to Pam.

► **PREACHER'S WORKSHOPS** every Monday from 8.00 to 9.30 pm in the Breakspear Room - an opportunity to discuss the readings for the week ahead. All welcome.

► **CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP** on Saturday 8th April from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the Church hall for all primary school aged children (younger children welcome when accompanied by an adult). Please let us know if you can come - contact the church office (261795). There is no charge.

► **QUIET REFLECTION** every Wednesday at 11.00 am in the Corpus Christi Chapel - a period of candlelit contemplativeness, prayer, silence and stillness.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for April. Please take copies. If you or anyone you know would like to **ADVERTISE** their business we have a few spaces in the magazine contact the office 261795 to find out more.

► If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc then come along on a Friday afternoon to the **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION** at 2.00 pm with your needles and wool (not white) - or pick up a pattern to knit at home. There is a container going to **MALAWI** on 10th June - knitted items on show in the hall and patterns available - other items needed include school uniforms, blankets, kitchen utensils - see list for other items.

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

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

26th March 2017
MOTHERING SUNDAY
The Fourth Sunday of Lent



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Reader: Linda Bullock

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Hymns: 296 - 242 - 304 - 452 - 463 - 354

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth - *John Rutter*

Intercessor: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service at Bedmond

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Hymns: 296 - 242 - 304 - 354

Reader: Nora Greeves

12.30 pm Lent Lunch in the Church hall
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course
in the Breakspear Room

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Pray for a Growing Church

10.15 am Monday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Holy Communion

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the parish & 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 sidesman before the service if you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

A **T-loop** is provided for hearing aid users. 

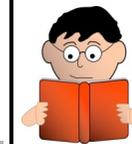
For our younger members at 9.30 am:

Crèche - there is a room in the church hall with suitable toys (0-3 years)

Seekers in the church hall (3-10 years)

except Second Sundays

(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)
Quiet Children's Corner in Church



**Before the service,
listen to God;
and after the service,
listen to each other.**

If you have come to the 9.30 am service please stay for refreshments in the church 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 standing order, as many others are, please contact Marcus Coultrup (334387).



THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.

COLLECT: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Samuel 1.20-end Bible page 252

Hannah, having been childless for many years, finally gave birth to her son Samuel in old age. In return for God's favour to her, she promises to dedicate the child to God, and takes him even at an early age to be brought up by the priest Eli and to serve in God's house. Due to her unselfishness, Samuel will become one of the greatest religious leaders of Israel.

SECOND READING Isaiah 42.10-16 Bible page 681

This reading is set during the time of Israel's exile from the land in Bablyon. Times are just about to change for the people: a new king looks set to let them go home. Isaiah strikes a note of hope, and daringly compares God to a woman giving birth – new life beckons for the people.

GOSPEL READING John 19.31-37 Bible page 111

Only John's Gospel tells the story of a soldier piercing Christ's side with a spear, and like much of the Evangelist's work his interest is as much in symbolism as it is in historical facts. Jesus had said before that living water would flow from him: John now sees this promise fulfilled on the Cross.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37.1-14
Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45

AVAILABILITY

Peter will be away from 31st March to 4th April

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » all who have mothered us
- » our natural families and our church family

PRAY FOR

- » those bringing up children in difficult circumstances
- » all separated or estranged from their family
- » those affected by the recent terror attack in London
- » the CTAL Lent groups
- » Tiny Tots and its leaders
- » those who worship at St Saviour's Church
- » those who live in Fernhills, Follett Drive and Furtherfield (inc Wycliffe Court)

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Beryl Russell : Annie Rycroft : Sheila Gorman :
- John Tapster : Val Brown : Paul Goggins :
- Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard :
- Barbara Metcalfe : Lucie Shephard

R.I.P.

- » Betty Hill (ex Summerhouse Way) :
- Norman Lakey (Summerhouse Way) :
- Edna Woolman : Peter Mitchell

The Anthem this week is:

For the Beauty of the Earth

by John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
For the Love which from our birth,
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect Gift of Thine
to our race so freely given,
Graces human and Divine,
flow'rs of earth, and buds of Heaven:

The words are from a hymn originally written
by Foliott S. Pierpoint, (Hymns Old & New 137)

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 27th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Group at St Paul's Vicarage
- 8.00 pm Preachers Workshop in the Breakspear Room

TUESDAY 28th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Baptist Church
- 8.00 pm PCC meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 29th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion**
- 1.00 pm Tannerswood School visit to St Lawrence
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Methodist Church
- 7.30 pm MU Candlelight Tour of St Albans Abbey
- 7.45 pm Choir practice
- 8.00 pm Bereavement Visits meet at the Baptist Church

THURSDAY 30th

- 11.00 am CTAL Lent Course in the Breakspear Room
- 11.00 am Bedmond School Service in Bedmond Church

FRIDAY 31st

- 2.00 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Methodist Church
- 2-4.00 pm Crafts in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 1st

- 9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2nd April 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche**
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
- 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer**
Leader: Sally Sanderson
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course**
in the Breakspear Room