

## NOTICES

► 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.

► Please note that the **PRAYER FOR A GROWING CHURCH** and **PREACHERS WORKSHOP** on Monday and the **EVENING QUIET** on Tuesday - will not be happening this week as Peter is away. Neither will the final Sunday **LENT COURSE** happen this evening but it will next Sunday at 7.30 pm.

► We will be making **PALM CROSSES** in the Church hall on Wednesday 5th April at 10.45 am - all welcome; please come with scissors!

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

► **WATCH OF PRAYER** during Maundy Thursday night - please sign the paper for when you will be available. If you would like your **FOOT WASHED** please speak to Peter or the office.

► 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. Other items are available too, see the catalogue or search the website [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk).

► **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 the church office know if you can come (261795). There is no charge.

► There will be **NO COFFEE** next week as the service starts later - 11.00 am at Kitters Green for the CTAL Blessing of the Palms (this will also take place in St Lawrence at 11.00 am for those who can't walk) - the main service begins at 11.30 am, joint with Bedmond and the Methodist.

► There will be a final **LENT LUNCH** on 9th April at 12.45 pm for 1.00 pm - please sign the list.

► **CARITAS HARMONY CONCERT** on 29th April at 7.00 pm in St Lawrence. Free entry - donations afterwards towards the Friends. See April Outlook for more details.

The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** for election of churchwardens and the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** for election of PCC and Deanery Synod members; reporting of the 2016 Accounts and of the life of the parish will take place on Sunday 30th April at 11.30 am in the hall - please come.

► **EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING** in St Lawrence - if you can help on Saturday 15th April from 9.30 am onwards please sign the list.

► **EASTER MONDAY** - breakfast and supper - please sign the list if you would like either/both or if you can provide for the supper.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for April. Please take copies.

► 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 - other items needed include school uniforms, blankets, kitchen utensils - see list.

► Thanks to all those who sponsored **ANGELA DUFFIN** for the **SLEEP OUT** in December - £590 was raised.

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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

2nd April 2017  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



## TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler  
Reader: Dennis Spooner

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler  
Hymns: 335 - 170 - 549 - 346 - 30  
Anthem: Ave verum corpus - William Byrd  
Intercessor: The Revd Brian Hibberd

**11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton  
Hymns: 335 - 170 - 549 - 30  
Reader: June Tanner

**12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: Sally Sanderson

## WELCOME

**Welcome** to everyone at our worship today especially to those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read, 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.**



## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer**  
9.30 am Monday to Friday

**Evening Prayer**  
5.15 pm Monday to Friday

**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

*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:** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Ezekiel 37.1-14 Bible page 820

The prophet Ezekiel, in exile with the Israelites in Babylon, has a vision of a valley of dry bones. At one level, the 'bones' stand for the exiles, who have no more hope of resuscitating the kingdom of Israel than of putting flesh on a skeleton and calling it to life. The same word in Hebrew means 'breath', 'wind' and 'spirit': the vision is of the power of the Holy Spirit to bring life and make the unimaginable possible.

### SECOND READING Romans 8.6-11 Bible page 153

Paul contrasts life in the flesh with life in the Spirit. There is a great difference between living at the physical level, for physical satisfactions which cannot last, and living at the spiritual level, for spiritual ends with the assurance of life and peace. The indwelling of Christ brings life of a new quality, and this spiritual life will prove stronger than physical death.

### GOSPEL John 11.1-45 Bible page 101

According to Jewish thought, raising the dead was one of three things that only God had power to do, so with the raising of Lazarus, Jesus is publicly shown to be God. But this is, in effect, only a physical resuscitation – Lazarus will die again in the end. Jesus, the 'resurrection and the life' has God's power to grant eternal life to all who believe.

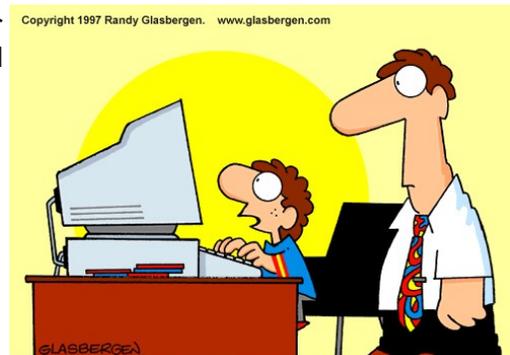
**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are still alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Matthew 26.14-27 or Matthew 27.11-54

## AVAILABILITY

Peter will be away till 5th April;  
day off Friday 7th April



"What program does God use  
to upload the sun every morning?"

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the opportunities of life we enjoy
- » the promise of eternal life in Christ
- » all who give spiritual direction and counsel
- » the hospice movement

### PRAY FOR

- » hospital chaplains and hospital visitors
- » all who care for the terminally ill
- » those who see no hope in life
- » the CTAL Lent groups
- » Seekers (Sunday school) and its leaders
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church
- » those who live in Gable Close,  
Gade View Gardens and Gallows Hill

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### R.I.P.

- » Sheila Gorman : Betty Hill : Norman Lakey :
- Edna Woolman

The Anthem this week is:

### AVE VERUM CORPUS

*composed by William Byrd*

Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae,  
miserere mei. Amen

### English translation:

Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet, O gentle,  
O Jesu, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me.

*Originally a processional hymn  
for Corpus Christi*

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 3rd

- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Group at St Paul's Vicarage

### TUESDAY 4th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course at the Baptist Church

### WEDNESDAY 5th

- 10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning
- 10.15 am Holy Communion**
- 10.45 am Making Palm Crosses in the church hall
- 7.45 pm Choir practice

### THURSDAY 6th

- 11.00 am CTAL Lent Course in the  
Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Confirmation candidates meet in the  
Breakspear Room

### FRIDAY 7th

- 10.00 am Heart for Abbots Langley Coffee Morning  
in the Henderson hall
- 11.20 am Funeral of Betty Hill at the Crematorium
- 2.00 pm CTAL Lent Course at the  
Methodist Church
- 2-4.00 pm Crafts in the Breakspear Room

### SATURDAY 8th

- 10-12.00 noon Children's Easter Workshop in the  
church hall
- 2.00 pm Burial of the Ashes of Barbara Watson
- 2.00 pm Bedmond Taskforce - Easter Egg Hunt at  
Bedmond Sports and Social Club,  
Toms Lane

## NEXT SUNDAY

### PALM SUNDAY

9th April 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

### No 9.30 am Service in St Lawrence

- 11.00 am CTAL Blessing of the Palms on  
Kitters Green (parallel service in  
St Lawrence)**

- 11.30 am United Communion in St Lawrence  
with Bedmond Church and the  
Methodist Church**

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

- 12.45 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