

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

7th April 2019

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Supplication  
Passion Sunday



## TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 303 (odd vv only) - 335 - 549 - 346 -  
32 - 30  
Readers: Chris Sanders and Susie Bailey  
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

**11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 303 (odd vv only) - 335 - 549 - 30  
Reader: Linda Ball

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: Sally Sanderson

**6.30 pm Youth Group** meets  
at 26 Greenways

## 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 Friday

**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:** 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

Exodus 32.7-14

Bible page 81

While Moses has delayed returning from Mount Sinai after receiving the Ten Commandments, the Israelites made the golden calf as they want to have gods that they can see. Though the Lord threatens to destroy the people, sparing only Moses, he relents when Moses reminds him of the Exodus, of what the Egyptians might say, and of his earlier covenant with Israel.

## SECOND READING

Acts 12.1-11

Bible page 127

The apostles are persecuted by Herod, the grandson of Herod the Great who features in the passion stories. It is a dramatic story and its purpose is to stress the protection which God gave to the early Christian community. Other miraculous releases from prison occur in chapters 5 and 16 of the Book of Acts.

## GOSPEL

Luke 11.5-12

Bible page 69

The parable of the friend at midnight contrasts human reluctance to respond to need with God's readiness to give freely: God as Father will always answer prayer and help us through the Holy Spirit.

**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 alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

'O, for a closer walk with God' - Stanford

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.

## a prayer for the nation

God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus
- » all that makes our lives and our worship beautiful
- » those who show generous, extravagant love

### PRAY FOR

- » the poor in our community and in our world
- » those who pursue financial or social success
- » those walking the way of the cross not by choice
- » those who are held captive by debt, addiction or fear
- » our government at this critical time
- » those affected by Cyclone Idai in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe
- » the CTAL Lent Course on Prayer
- » those who live in De Havilland Way; Dellmeadow; East Lane
- » all who worship at St Saviour's Catholic Church

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### RIP

- » Linda Butterfield : Carl Ballard : John Sutton : Nicholas Long : George Twyman

## NEXT SUNDAY

### PALM SUNDAY

14th April 2019

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris

**No 9.30 or 11.15 today**

**11.00 am Churches Together Blessing of Palms on Kitters Green** (also in St Lawrence for those who can't walk far)

**11.30 am Parish Communion** with Bedmond and the Methodists in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
1.15 pm Christening for Ellie-Mae Prince

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

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday 8th

7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

### Tuesday 9th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm  
12.00 noon Burial of Ashes of Sheila Whitton  
7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Baptist Church

### Wednesday 10th

10.00 am Making Palm Crosses in the B'spear Rm  
11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel  
12.00 noon Corporate Communion for the MU in the Corpus Christi Chapel followed by soup  
3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church  
7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### Thursday 11th

10.30 am Home Communion in Hanover Gdns  
11.30 am Funeral of Carl Ballard in St Lawrence followed by cremation  
7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Methodist hall

### Friday 12th

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  
2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room

### Saturday 13th

10.00 am Children's Easter Workshop in the Church hall

## AVAILABILITY

Peter off all week except Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11;  
Luke 22.14-end of 23

## NOTICES

► The **RED BUCKET** has raised over £500 over the two weekends for the DEC Cyclone Ildai appeal - many thanks for your generosity.

► You need to return your **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** form to the office **by tomorrow** - it is renewed every six years and this is one of the renewal years.

► We shall be **MAKING PALM CROSSES** this Wednesday, 10th April, at 10.00 am in the Breakspear Room - all welcome; please bring a pair of scissors if possible; instructions will be given!

► **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).

► There is a sign up sheet on the table in St Lawrence for the **WATCH THROUGH THE NIGHT** on Maundy Thursday - please fill in time(s) you would like to be in the church.

► Please sign the rota if you can help with arranging **EASTER FLOWERS** in St Lawrence on Saturday 20th April from 9.30 am onwards.

► Please sign the list if you would like **BREAKFAST on EASTER MONDAY** prior to walking to St Albans for the Pilgrimage Service in the Cathedral. There will not be a supper this year.

► 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.

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

### MESSY CHURCH

This week, **Wednesday 10th April**, theme: **Always with us**; 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.

► Tickets are now on sale for a **FRENCH GOURMET EVENING** in aid of **Malawi Funds** on Saturday 27th April in the Church hall at 7.15 pm. They are priced at £18.50 per person for three courses with wine, and all ticket money will go to Malawi. There will be a raffle, too. Tickets from Wendy Meldrum or the church office.

► Items needed for the **container** going out to **MALAWI** in May include: **ladies knickers** (all sizes) and **bandages** (assorted)

► There will not be **SEEKERS** or **CRECHE** in St Lawrence on either **Palm Sunday** (14th April) or **Easter Day** (21st April). There will be toys available in the Breakspear Room as well as the Children's Corner.

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

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