

NOTICES

► There will be **NO COFFEE** today 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.

► Please note that the final Sunday **LENT COURSE** will happen this evening (9th) at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room.

► **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.

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

► Please note there will be no **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION** meeting on Good Friday.

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

► If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc pick up a pattern to knit at home (not in white wool). There is a container going to **MALAWI** on 10th June - other items needed include school uniforms, blankets, kitchen utensils - see 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.

► 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.

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.

► If you would like to make donations towards the **FOOD BANK** there is a need for toilet rolls, toiletries and long life milk. Thank you .

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

► The next **HEART FOR ABBOTS LANGLEY COFFEE MORNING** will be Friday 28th April at 10.00 am in the Henderson hall.

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES 2017** on Saturdays throughout May in St Lawrence. Tickets available on the door £5 each (children free). See Outlook for more details. **Cakes and Cookies** needed and also volunteers to help serve refreshments on the mornings/evening of the concerts - please let the office know if you can provide cakes or help.

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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

9th April 2017
PALM SUNDAY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Mike Jefford

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
Hymns: 329 - 288 - 11 - 391 - 73 - 435

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer
9.30 am Monday to Thursday

Evening Prayer
5.15 pm Monday to Thursday

Holy Communion
8.00 pm Monday to Thursday
10.15 am Wednesday
2.00 pm Friday

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 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 11.30 am service please stay for lunch 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: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 50.4-9a Bible page 691

The third 'Servant Song' expresses the proper response of the faithful to God. It was possibly sung by the Israelites during the exile in Babylon as an act of trust and belief in God even when the future seems hopeless. Obediently, they submit to suffering, and wait expectantly for God to act to bring redemption and freedom.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.5-11 Bible page 194

This early hymn on the humiliation and exaltation of Christ shows how far the church had come in understanding the uniqueness of Jesus even by Paul's time. Sharing God's glory, Christ yet emptied himself to the uttermost and was raised to the height of reverence by the whole created order. This is our example and our hope.

GOSPEL Matthew 27.11-54 Bible page 28

The arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem to the cheering of crowds is a false dawn. They are still thrilled by the signs he has wrought in giving sight to the man blind from birth and raising Lazarus from the dead. In fact not only they, but even Jesus' closest friends will betray and desert him within a few days. The final confrontation between Jesus and the devil is too much. They don't understand what Jesus is doing for them and for the whole human race when he refuses to bow down to temporal power and betray the love that God sent him to bring to the world.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.



"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a GIFT. That's why it's called the present."

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6
Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who are working for peace in the Holy Land
- » all in authority who use their power and influence for good
- » faithful and loyal friends

PRAY FOR

- » all who will be leading worship and preaching in Holy Week
- » our common witness to the world as Churches Together
- » children in this country living in poverty
- » those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- » Messy Church and its leaders
- » those who worship at the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- » those who live in Gallows Hill Lane (inc Breakspear School), Garden Road and Glenmore Gardens

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Edgar Mortimer : John Tapster : Val Brown : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard : Barbara Metcalfe : Lucie Shephard : Owen Nelson

R.I.P.

- » Harvey James (Harthall Lane) : Sheila Gorman : Norman Lakey : Edna Woolman

The Anthem this week is:

Great is He

Great is He who's the King of kings and the Lord of lords, He is wonderful!

Sing Hosanna, salvation and glory, honour and power, He is wonderful!

arranged by Stuart Townend

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 10th Monday of Holy Week
8.00 pm Holy Communion with Homily

TUESDAY 11th Tuesday of Holy Week
10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
12.00 noon Burial of the Ashes of Pauline Doyle
8.00 pm Holy Communion with Homily

WEDNESDAY 12th
10.15 am Holy Communion including MU Corporate Communion
12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - Charles Ernest Jackson
3.30 pm Messy Church at the Methodist Church
8.00 pm Holy Communion with Homily

THURSDAY 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY
10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens
2.20 pm Funeral of Edna Woolman at the Crematorium
8.00 pm Sung Communion with Foot Washing followed by Watch through the Night

FRIDAY 14th GOOD FRIDAY
10.00 am CTAL Silent Walk of Witness from Langleybury through the village
1.00 pm An Hour of the Passion
2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

SATURDAY 15th Easter Eve
9.30 am Easter Flower Arranging in St Lawrence

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER DAY 16th April 2017

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

9.30 am Easter All Age Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

6.30 pm Choral Evensong
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell