

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

14th April 2019
PALM SUNDAY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
Reader: Mike Jefford

No 9.30 or 11.15 service

**11.00 am Churches Together Blessing
of Palms** on Kitters Green
(parallel service in St Lawrence)

11.30 am Communion Service
in St Lawrence with Bedmond
& the Methodist congregations

President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 435 - 11 - 391 - 32 - 372

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in the Tin Church
8.00 pm Monday to Wednesday

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence
12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence
9.30 am Monday to Thursday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence
5.15 pm Monday to Thursday

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 11.30 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:
Quiet Corner in church or toys in the Breakspear Room

Sorry with the later service today, there is no coffee in the hall following the morning 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 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 50.4-8a

Bible page 691

The third 'Servant Song' is the song of faith sung by those who have learned the meaning of Israel's tragic history through prophecy, who have ears to hear, submit with understanding to the humiliation of the Exile and wait expectantly for the new divine act of redemption which they know to be near.

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

Luke 23.1-49

Bible page 84

In Luke's version of Jesus' trial before Pilate, the charge is made clear; that Jesus is claiming to be a political ruler, proof being in him advising people not to pay taxes to Rome. Pilate is shown to find Jesus innocent of any political aspirations. This is emphasised by Pilate sending Jesus to be examined by Herod, who also found Jesus innocent. This places the guilt for Jesus' death firmly on the heads of the Jewish religious leaders, who refused to acknowledge Jesus' divinity or spiritual authority.

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.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

'Great is He'

arr. *Stuart Townsend*

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

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 opportunities offered by Holy Week to enter more deeply into the passion of Christ
- » God's faithfulness to his people

PRAY FOR

- » all who will be leading worship and preaching in Holy Week
- » our common witness to this community as Churches Together
- » our government at this critical time
- » those affected by Cyclone Idai in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe
- » Ellie Mae Prince to be christened today
- » those who live in Edinburgh Drive, Edson Close, Edward Close
- » all who use the YMVA Chaplaincy based at Woodside and for Chris Moffat, the Chaplain

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

- » Anula Nikapota (Abbots Road) : Linda Butterfield : Carl Ballard

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER DAY 21st April 2019

**5.45 am Churches Together
Sunrise Service**
on Bedmond Playing Fields

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

9.30 am Parish Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

11.15 am Holy Communion in
the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

6.30 pm Choral Evensong in St Lawrence

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 15th

11.30 am CTAL Lent group in the tin church
8.00 pm Communion and Talk in
the Tin Church

Tuesday 16th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Rm
11.15 am Funeral of Linda Butterfield in
St Lawrence
8.00 pm Communion and Talk in
the Tin Church

Wednesday 17th

11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the
Corpus Christi Chapel
12.00 noon Communion in St Lawrence
7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
8.00 pm Communion and Talk in
the Tin Church

Maundy Thursday (18th)

8.00 pm Communion with foot washing
followed by
Watch through the Night

Good Friday (19th)

10.00 am Churches Together
Walk of Witness
leaves St Paul's, Langleybury
1.00 pm An Hour at the Cross
in St Lawrence
2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy in St Lawrence
2.00 pm A Service of Meditation and
Reflection in the Tin Church

Saturday 20th

9.30 am Flower arranging in St Lawrence

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 65.17-end; Acts 10.34-43;
Luke 24.1-12

NOTICES

▶ 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.

▶ There will be no **SEEKERS** or **CRECHE** in St Lawrence on **Easter Day** (21st April). There will be toys available in the Breakspear Room as well as the Children's Corner.

▶ 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. Sorry, **no supper** this year.

▶ Tickets are 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.

The **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** (to elect the churchwardens) and **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** (to receive the Accounts for 2018 and Vicar's Report) will take place on Sunday 28th April at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

MESSY CHURCH

Next one: **Wednesday 8th May**; theme: **Pray! Pray! Pray!** 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**; spaces are filling up fast so please speak to Sue Coultrup soon if you would like to join them.

▶ Items needed for the **container** going out to **MALAWI** in May include: **ladies knickers** (all sizes) and **bandages** (assorted) - see separate leaflet for more details.

▶ **GOOD NEIGHBOURS** are desperate for more **DRIVERS** to take villagers to local appointments - if you want to find out what sort of commitment is required, please speak to Linda North or Marcus Coultrup.

▶ **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.

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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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