

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



28th March 2021
PALM SUNDAY

TODAY

9.30 am Eucharist at St Lawrence

President & Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell

Intercessions: Carol Higgs

Reader: Sarah Reeve

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end.
Mark 11:1-11

Revd. Maxine Howarth is preaching at St. Paul's, Langleybury, this morning.

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Please feel free to light a candle and pray but do observe the correct social distancing rules. Be aware of social distancing not only next to you, but behind you and in front of you.

Please could we ask that you use the hand sanitizer provided and do not touch anything you don't need to.

Please do not enter any of the areas which are blocked as these are not cleaned regularly.

We will be open from 09.30 to 16.30
Monday to Saturday and 11.00 to 16.30
on a Sunday.

WELCOME

Welcome to 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 very welcome to receive a blessing.

Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer.



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



Great news!

From next Sunday, Easter Day, our usual timetable of Sunday services resumes at both St. Lawrence and the Tin Church.

It remains essential to book in for all services, via the Parish Office.

Please note that unless you are exempt, face masks remain mandatory. Unfortunately due to Government Guidelines, there will be no congregational singing. For the moment, communion continues using the bread only.

If medical reasons prevent you from attending church, and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

As always you can still contact us via FB, or the Church Office on 01923 261795 or email: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk.

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

READINGS:

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BIBLE NOTES:

Psalm 118 would regularly be sung by pilgrims as they neared the end of their journey to Jerusalem for great national celebrations like the Feast of Tabernacles or Passover (it isn't *quite* clear which one was the occasion for Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem). The atmosphere would have been jubilant, and from the point of view of the Roman governor rather unsettling. Religious fervour melded very easily with dreams of political freedom in first century Israel. Amidst all the noise and excitement and tension, a young colt walks peacefully towards the city ... strange, that, that it did not buck and throw the stranger upon it. Perhaps the animal could sense and obey the gentle authority of the true King—even as the city got ready to reject Him.

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**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end.

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦ his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦ 'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦ that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦ the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦ and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦ has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦ and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦ we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦ Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦ we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦ link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦ you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦ his mercy endures forever.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- * For people to find faith in Jesus Christ this week.
- * For Christians across the world as we mark Holy Week.
- * For the peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.
- * For the Jewish people, and for continued healing in Christian-Jewish relations.
- * For all involved in vaccination programmes across the world.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Henry Bremer; Emma; James Mote; Sean Brosnan; Holly; Steve; Patricia Lakey; Hugo; Pat; Kathy Bunting; Hannah; Josh; Olivia; Jill Calderwood; Laura; Audrey Lockyer; Marion Constable; Tony King

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER DAY
4th April 2021

8am: Eucharist @ St. Lawrence
9.30am: Eucharist @ St. Lawrence
11.15am: Eucharist @ The Tin Church
6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP) at St. Lawrence

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

(Isaiah 25:6-9)
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

THE COMING WEEK

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer will be live streamed daily at 9.15am.



Monday—Wednesday 8pm
'Approaches to the Passion'
(Facebook Live)

Wednesday, 12 noon

Eucharist in the Corpus Christi Chapel

Maundy Thursday, 8pm

Eucharist,
Followed by all-night Vigil in Church.

Good Friday, 2pm

An Hour at the Cross

(please note that due to coronavirus restrictions there is no CTAL Walk of Witness this year. There is also no Sunrise Service at Bedmond Sports Ground on Easter Sunday morning).

We are sorry we aren't able to put on our Palm Sunday workshop this year, however as an alternative we will be offering packs for children to make at home instead! These will include our popular mini Easter Gardens and a video of how to put them together. Please email claire@edgerton.co.uk to sign up.

Coming up...

Easter Treasure Hunt

Saturday April 3rd, in aid of our Malawi Project. Come and pick up your clue sheet (£5) from St. Lawrence Church between 11am and 3pm, and enjoy an all-age trail through our lovely village.

Friends of St. Lawrence Virtual Quiz Night

17th April, 7.30pm—test your brains, have fun and help maintain our beautiful church building. Please contact Wendy Meldrum (wendymeldrum@gmail.com / 07710 688633) or the parish office for the Zoom link.

Notices...

More people are shopping online, especially at the moment. If you shop online did you know that you could raise funds for St Lawrence and Bedmond at no extra cost to yourself? Simply go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslanglely/> and then do your shopping.

Once you place an order we will get a donation. So far we have raised over £2,000 this

way and that is from only 40 people in the congregation who have kindly nominated us as their chosen charity.



Foodbank...

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food for us to take to the Watford Foodbank.

The items we most need at the moment are:

Tinned fruit

Instant mashed potato

Tinned tomatoes/tinned vegetables

Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)

Tinned rice pudding/custard

Packets of jelly or sponge puddings

Long-life fruit juice/Long life milk

Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread

Jars of pasta sauce

Tinned meat

Little chocolate bars and sweet treats

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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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