

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



20th May 2018

PENTECOST

TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with
Seekers and Creche**
in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Hymns: 388 - 69 - 321 - 91 - 392 - 354
Readers: Jan Taylor and Brian Peters
Intercessor: Sara Bedford
followed by meeting in the hall

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
Hymns: 388 - 69 - 321 - 354
Reader: Ann Goldsmith
followed by congregational meeting

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors, newcomers and those who have come to hear their banns of marriage read - 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 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 those aged 3 to 10 years (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;

Creche in the Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church

If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for **coffee, tea, juice and biscuits** in the hall after the 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: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-21

Bible page 115

The elements of wind and fire in the Old Testament are signs of God's self-revelation and show the great power and divine origin of the Holy Spirit. The disciples are heard speaking in languages from the whole known world, a foretaste of the gospel for all nations, and the promise of the Spirit for all.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.22-27

Bible page 154

Even when we don't know how to pray or what to pray for, God helps us through the Holy Spirit who interprets our wordless longings and prays with us and for us. Our faith and our response to God affects not just us but the whole of creation: the whole world is waiting for us to help bring about God's will and purposes.

GOSPEL

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Bible page 107

Jesus promises the Spirit of Truth to encourage the disciples, give them joy in their witness, and guide them deeper in faith and understanding. In the cosmic trial against sin and evil, the Spirit vindicates Jesus and gives victory to all who believe in him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am

Song 44 (Veni Creator)

Music by: Orlando Gibbons

Come Holy Ghost, the maker come;
Take in the souls of thine thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from,
Oh, fill them with thy heav'nly grace.
Thou art that comfort from above,
The highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love,
And the anointing spirit art.

*Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.*



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the gift of God's Holy Spirit
- » the diversity of talents God gives to different people

PRAY FOR

- » ourselves, each with unique gifts and responsibilities as Christians
- » the wisdom and peace of the Holy Spirit to move in all areas of need and conflict
- » Prince Harry and Meghan Markle following their wedding yesterday; and for all the Royal Family
- » those who live in Hanover Gardens, Harlech Road, Harthall Lane
- » those who worship at St Paul's, Langleybury and for the Revd James Webster

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Roy Bratt : John Burn : Hazel Muskett : Betty Wallace : Jeff Rees : Ben : Ewan Mander : Vanessa : Sarah Jenkins : Rosemary Tucker

RIP

- » Peter Tomson (The Abbot's House) : Jean Gray

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 21st

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence tower

TUESDAY 22nd

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

WEDNESDAY 23rd

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 7.30 pm Deanery Synod meets at All Saints', Leavesden
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

FRIDAY 25th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 3.00 pm Memorial Service for Peter Tomson in St Lawrence
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir meets in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 26th

- 11.00 am Spring Concert: the Southorn/Stratton family

NEXT SUNDAY

TRINITY SUNDAY 27th May 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
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9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
in St Lawrence
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12.30 pm Christening for Liberty Birch

6.30 pm Taize Service in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

NOTICES

► There will be open meetings at both churches today, regarding the proposal to change the **SERVICE TIMES**: in the hall after the 9.30 am service in St Lawrence and after the 11.00 am service at Bedmond.

► **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** - as there was no house-to-house collection this year, please take an envelope and return it to the Church Office. Thank you to all those who supported the **Big Brekkie** last Sunday - over £200 was raised.

► **SPRING CONCERT SERIES** - just one left to go: on Saturday 26th May, the **Southern/Stratton family** will perform at 11.00 am preceded by coffee and cake and 10.30 am. (Please note there is a booking in the hall, so be advised to walk if you can.)

► Next Sunday evening (27th May) at 6.30 pm is the monthly **TAIZE SERVICE** - a simple style of worship, characterised chiefly by the use of simple meditative chants, candlelight, contemplative reading of Scripture and silence. It is informal: no-one dresses up, no-one processes, people sit, stand or kneel as seems right to them. However, the informality also feels very traditional and the overall ethos is one of a gently contemplative spirituality.

► The Memorial Service for **PETER TOMSON** will be on Friday 25th May at 3.00 pm in St Lawrence.

► The experiment of repositioning the **CHOIR** behind the altar has worked well and it is proposed to keep the choir there for the foreseeable future - please speak to Peter or either warden with feedback.

► We require a **HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER** - please speak to Peter or either warden if you can help. Appropriate experience would be useful.

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** is in need of the following items: long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, individual sponge puddings, cereals, biscuits - please put items in the box at the back of church which will be emptied regularly.

► **MESSY HELP THIS MONTH:** Messy Church often needs 'things' or help each month so we will be starting a 'Messy Help' slot! For June: jam jars please (to the church office); and help on the day - Wednesday 13th June between 3.15 and 6.00 pm in the Methodist Hall - speak to Wendy Meldrum.

► **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)** comes into force on 26th May and we need to be compliant. We are therefore asking **everyone** to complete a **Consent Form** and return it to the Church Office so we know you are happy for us to store your personal information and use it for the specific purposes of this church. If you don't complete a form we will no longer be able to contact you by letter, phone or e-mail. We will not pass on your personal information to a third party without your consent. A copy of the Privacy Notice is pinned on the noticeboard. Please speak to Pam Rastall in the Church Office should you have any queries.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for May - please take a copy (40p).

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