

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

23rd May 2021

Pentecost



TODAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
at St Lawrence
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell
Reader: Mike Jefford
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Brian Hibberd
Reader: Pat Hibberd
Intercessions: Roland Maxted
- 11.15am Eucharist at the Tin Church
President: Revd. Brian Hibberd
Preacher: Revd. Brian Hibberd
- Readings: (Ezek. 37. 1-14)
Acts 2. 1-21
John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-13
- 12.45pm Christening of
Isla Darcy Arnoldi-Gray
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
at St Lawrence

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.



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: 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.

READINGS:

(Ezek. 37. 1-14)

Acts 2. 1-21

John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-13

BIBLE NOTES: In today's Gospel reading Jesus is preparing his followers for the time when they will no longer have him with them. In this section he is reassuring them that they need not feel abandoned. Someone new will be there for them. The word used is a Greek word, Parakletos, literally 'someone called in', an advocate, a helper, a supporter. The reading from Acts tells us that in the event, that wasn't what they actually received! What they did receive on that first Christian Pentecost Day was something disturbing, dramatic and so life-changing that, looking back on it, they could only describe it as like a violent wind and tongues of fire. If that were to happen to us as we listen, would we feel comforted, helped, supported? It would probably feel more as though we were under attack! But it was only as a result of what happened that day that we ourselves have the Gospel that those disturbed, inspired disciples found themselves openly proclaiming to anyone prepared to listen. It's our spiritual Birthday!

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.

"You're all free to go outside"



Although restrictions are beginning to ease, we are still required to collate contact details for those attending any service, due to track and trace purposes.

It still remains essential you book in if you would like to attend any services including the Wednesday Quiet Reflection and Holy Communion.

If you are attending a Sunday service, please let the office know by 12.30pm on a Friday.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray:

- * For Isla Darcy Arnoldi-Gray who is being baptised today
- * For members of Deanery Synod
- * For our local primary schools, and our regular assemblies in them.
- * For all those who have lost loved ones or been hurt by the recent events in the Holy Land

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED
Henry Bremer; Emma; James Mote; Steve;
Patricia Lakey; Pat; Laura; Audrey Lockyer;
Marion Constable; Doreen

FOR THE DEPARTED
Mark Palmer; Paul Goggins



NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 30th May
Trinity Sunday

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

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8
(Romans 8:12-17)
John 3:1-17

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday
Maxine's day off is Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Today

12.45pm Christening of
Isla Darcy Arnoldi-Gray

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel
All Welcome - also livestreamed

Monday 24th May

8pm Zoom Bible Study,
Please contact Peter Waddell for the link

Wednesday 26th May

11.15am 'Time for God'
Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12 noon Eucharist
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Friday 28th May

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
In the Church Hall



Notices...

Container for Malawi - We have just been allocated space on the Birmingham Container destined for Malawi. Loading is June 12th and we will need to have all items for packing by Tuesday 8th June. Several people have knitting and other items ready for collection so please contact Wendy Meldrum 01923 267383 or wendymeldrum@gmail.com or contact the parish office on 01923 261795. It is short notice but there is a list of items that have been requested by St Luke's Hospital, Malosa at the back of the church and a box labelled "Malawi" for you to put them in. You can also find this in June's edition of Outlook. If you are able to support in this, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

The Diocese of St Albans are currently advertising for new staff to take on four very different Diocesan roles: Diocesan Secretary, Estates Admin Assistant, Pastoral & Advisory Officer and Admissions Officer. Details are on the Vacancies page of their website:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/>

Please do consider whether you know of anyone who would be suitable.

Traidcraft - Norman Meldrum will order Traidcraft Products for you. Look on-line at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk. Orders will be added together to avoid delivery charges and our church will benefit from the margin of at least 10%. Please provide Norman with the full product description, including size and be sure to provide your contact details, particularly your phone number. Orders please to normanjmeldrum@gmail.com (preferred) or by phone on 01923 267383.

Coffee - As restrictions ease, you are welcome once again to bring your own coffee/tea and stay a while in the Churchyard for a chat after the 9.30am service, socially distancing of course!



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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The Revd Brian Hibberd

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Church Office Opening Times:

10.00 am to 12.30 pm Mon-Fri - 01923 261795

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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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