

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

3rd February 2019

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE



TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers & Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Hymns: 296 - 118 - 26 - 39 - 452 - 158
Intercessor: Bill Sanderson

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 296 - 118 - 26 - 158
Reader: Nora Greeves

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: Sally Sanderson

6.30 pm Youth Group in the
Breakspear Room

NO Pilgrim Course tonight

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to visitors, newcomers and to those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read - 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 9.30 am service is **recorded live** on 'www.thesundayervice.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:



Seekers for children of primary school age (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;
Creche in the Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church

Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am service.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

*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 ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Malachi 3.1-5

Bible page 904

The coming of the Lord brings both judgement and release. The judgement can be a good thing for those who have been following in God's way, but for those who have neglected their spiritual duties and who have led God's people astray, it is a day to be feared. For the oppressed and badly led people, it is a day of liberation and rejoicing.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.14-end

Bible page 216

Jesus, having shared our lives as human beings and having gone through the same death that we all experience, has liberated us from the power of death by not being defeated by it. Now he forms the link between heaven and earth by being both human and divine and as such is the perfect high priest.

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

Bible page 56

Jesus was brought up as an observant Jew by his parents which means that he had authority among the Jews in his later ministry because of his orthodox background. Mary and Joseph, if they were tempted to forget Jesus' divine origins and destiny, were reminded once more that he is no ordinary person. Mary's continuing involvement in Jesus' life is foretold by Simeon and the pain that would cause her.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am - 'Nunc Dimittis' in D minor by Walmsley

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
According to thy word
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
And to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Christ bridging the gap between heaven and earth for us
- » the care and commitment of Mary and Joseph to the bringing up of the Son of God
- » the loving care of parents everywhere

PRAY FOR

- » trust in God's justice and mercy
- » leadership in Church and nation of wisdom and compassion
- » parents, especially those bringing their children to God in baptism
- » those who live in Bateson Drive, Bedmond High Street, Bedmond Road
- » those who worship at St Paul's, Langleybury and for their Vicar, the Revd James Webster

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Kathleen Charles : Paul Maxted : Andrew Cummings : Brian McIntosh : Sandra Smalley : Ben : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa

RIP

- » Joyce Seabrook (Bedmond Road) : Jeanine Sherratt (Furtherfield) : Violet Dicker : Matt Allcock : Gladys Brodhurst

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 6.1-end; Psalm 138;
I Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 5th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Rm
- 12.30 pm Lunch followed by Pilgrim Course in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall

Wednesday 6th

- Church Office closed today
- 10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Tin Church
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Bereavement Visitors meet in the Breakspear Room

Thursday 7th

- Church Office closed today
- 8.00 pm New Home Group meets in the Breakspear Room

Friday 8th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 1.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 9th

- 10.00 am Malawi meeting in the Breakspear Rm

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10th February 2019

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service** in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 11.15 am Holy Communion** in Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** in the Breakspear Rm

NOTICES

► There will be a **TRAIDCRAFT** stall in the church hall during coffee after the 9.30 am service this morning.

► **PILGRIM COURSE** on 'The Beatitudes' does not meet this evening (back next week); but will do on Tuesday afternoon as usual in the Breakspear Room, beginning at 12.30 pm with a light lunch. Books (£5) are available at meetings.

► The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday this week while Pam attends a residential conference in her capacity as Lay Chair of Watford Deanery.

► **QUIET CONTEMPLATION** begins at 11.15 am on Wednesdays.

► **MIDWEEK COMMUNION** on Wednesday at 12.00 noon in the Corpus Christi Chapel. The service will be followed by soup and a roll in the Breakspear Room. All welcome.

► **ASCENSION ACORNS** is a new group which has just started in the Tin Church, Bedmond on Fridays from 1.00 to 2.30 pm - for parents/carers and their babies and toddlers - all welcome.

► **FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE CURRY NIGHT** at the Abbots Tandoori on Monday 18th February at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. £17 per person. Contact Sue Coultrup (334387).

► The **COAT OF ARMS**, which usually hangs above the main door of St Lawrence has been removed from the wall and taken away for conservation. This is being paid for using a legacy left to the Friends of St Lawrence. It will return by Easter.

► A application for a faculty has been made for a new **ALTAR** for the Corpus Christi Chapel in St Lawrence, to be paid for by an anonymous donor; further details about the application are on the main door. It will enable the Chapel to be used regularly when there is a smaller number of people at services.

► The new **HOME GROUP** starts this week: Thursday 7th February at 8.00 pm in the Breakspear Room. Led by Jane McHugh and Angela Milton the aim of the group is to provide an informal opportunity to explore Christianity together from different angles e.g. short courses, poetry, art, film. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

► There is a **MALAWI MEETING** on Saturday 9th February in the Breakspear Room at 10.00 am (starts with breakfast!). All who are interested in the continued support of the people of Malosa are welcome to attend.

► Shopping on-line? Don't forget to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** before you shop - most of the major stores are listed - www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for February - please take a copy (40p). We hope you will continue your subscription (£4.80) into 2019 - please pay your deliverer or via the office.

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If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter directly.