

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

4th February 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Mike Jefford

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 15 - 442 - 313 - 360 - 334 - 188
Intercessor: Marcus Coultrup

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: the Revd Jos Perris
Hymns: 15 - 442 - 313 - 188
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

11.30 am Christening for Callum Bone

12.30 pm Christening for Katy Tomkies

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

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 for the local community

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 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 at 9.30 am:

Crèche (0-3 years)

in the Breakspear Room
with suitable toys;

Seekers (3-10 years)

in the church hall,

(except Second Sundays

when all in church together);

(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)

Quiet Children's Corner in Church



If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for refreshments in the hall after the service.



A **collection** is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please use 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.

If you would prefer to set up a regular direct debit, please pick up 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 God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 Bible page 602

All three of today's readings show the creative power of God. In this reading, holy Wisdom is depicted as pre-existent, the one through whom God created the world, and through whom he inspired the human race.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15-20 Bible page 197

Paul speaks of the creative force of God in terms of Jesus: he is the one through whom God reveals himself to us. And as Trinity, God reaches out to his creation and draws it back to himself – for it is only in relationship with God that creation truly flourishes.

GOSPEL John 1.1-14 Bible page 88

In this familiar passage, John speaks of the creative force of God as the Word. The Word of God was always active in creating and recreating the world and God's people. God's work of creation is not complete – he continues to draw us to himself, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, if we will but listen to him. Those who do receive him will become children of God, and be called to participate in the ongoing drama of creation and re-creation.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am:

"View me, Lord, a work of thine",

composed by Richard Lloyd, text written by Thomas Campion

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| 1 View me, Lord, a work of thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light. | 3 Worldly joys like shadows, fade
When the heavenly light appears;
But the cov'nants thou hast made,
Endless, know not days nor years. |
| 2 Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight. | 4 In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high. |

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the beauty of creation
- » the ongoing creative actions of God

PRAY FOR

- » all those who suffer as a result of pollution and environmental damage
- » General Synod which meets in London from Thursday to Saturday of this week
- » the people of Malosa in Malawi; for staff and patients in St Luke's Hospital; for those who attend the Church of Ascension; and for the staff and pupils at the Secondary School
- » Callum Bone & Katy Tomkies to be christened today
- » those who live in Bateson Drive, Bedmond High Street, Bedmond Road
- » those who worship at St Paul's, Langleybury and for the Revd James Webster

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Sarah Jenkins : Annie Rycroft : Robin Hill : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Sheila Hayes : Joe : Hazel Muskett : Sonya : Maureen Chester : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Ewan Mander

RIP

- » Jennifer Izzard (Abbots Road) : Jean Johnstone (Little How Croft) : Christine Viner : Anthony Pink

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6;
Mark 9.2-9

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 5th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 for 7.30 pm Friends Curry Evening at Abbots Tandoori
- 7.30 pm Ringers' practice in St Lawrence tower

TUESDAY 6th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Room
- 11.15 am Oxford Guild of Ringers
- 2.00 pm Burial of Ashes of Ann Peerless
- 8.00 pm CTAL Committee in the Methodist Hall

WEDNESDAY 7th

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning at Bedmond
- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel, St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence
- 8.00 pm Bereavement Visitors meet in the Breakspear Room

THURSDAY 8th

- 10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gdns
- 5.45 pm Coach leaves for 'Crazy for You'

FRIDAY 9th

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

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT 11th February 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion at St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service at St Lawrence

President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

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

NOTICES

► **LENT COURSE** - please sign the list in either church if you would like to attend one of the Lent Courses: Sundays at 7.30 pm; Tuesdays at 2.00 pm - both in the Breakspear Room; both using the Pilgrim Course on the Lord's Prayer.

► **LENT LUNCHES** on Sundays 25th February and 11th March in the hall at 12.45 for 1.00 pm - please sign the list if you would like to come.

► **PALM CROSSES** - please return yours this week if you would like it to be burnt for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

► **FRIENDS CURRY NIGHT** tomorrow at the Abbots Tandoori at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £16.50 each; available from Sue Coultrup (334387) - but please ask her today so she can confirm numbers with the restaurant.

► **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** on 13th February at 12.00 noon in the church hall. As well as a pancake you will get a cheese roll and drink. There will also be a raffle and cake stall. All money raised will go towards Mothers' Union projects at home and abroad. All welcome.

► **FRIENDS QUIZ** - if you had copies to sell please hand your money in to the Church Office. The **answers** are on the parish website (www.abbotslangley.org.uk) or collect a paper copy from the office.

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for February. If you owe your subscription for 2018, please put it in the wall safe in church or drop it into the church office.

► Before you next shop online remember to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** - to help raise church funds. Use this link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley - it won't cost you a penny but the church will benefit.

► **ABBNEYFIELD ABBOTS LANGLEY** (sheltered accommodation in Greenways) has bed-sitting room vacancies at present. If you would like to look around please contact the House on 263541 or speak to Jan Palmer, Marcus Coultrup, Norman Meldrum or Pam Rastall for further information.

► Please keep your **USED STAMPS** for the Hospice of St Francis. Leave them in the box at the back of either church or in the office.

► The **FLOWERS** this week have been sponsored in memory of **Ken Durtnall**.

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