

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



16th May 2021

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

TODAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
at St Lawrence
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Preacher: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Reader: Tom Betteridge
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Reader: Laura Furlong
Intercessions: Sara Bedford
- 11.15am Eucharist at the Tin Church
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Preacher: Revd. Maxine Howarth
- Readings: (Ezek. 36: 24-28)
1 Cor. 15: 50-58
John. 17: 6-19
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
at St Lawrence

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.



The pre-pandemic timetable of Sunday services has now resumed 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: O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS:

(Ezek. 36: 24-28)

1 Cor. 15: 50-58

John. 17: 6-19

BIBLE NOTES: Today we reach the end of our journey through *1 Corinthians 15*, which I'm sure for some of you at least will yield a sigh of relief:-) It is not just an ordinary conclusion in today's reading though - it is a victorious conclusion! Paul gives us great hope when he talks about the resurrection of the dead and the transformation of the living, but that hope isn't just a hope for the future. It is a hope about who we are and what we do in the here and now. If God is going to transform this present world, including us, the what we do, how we live and how we treat the world matters. So whilst the promise of the resurrection may seem like a promise for the future in some mildly intangible way, the process of bringing it to fruition begins here and now.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join us on Zoom

WINE AND WONDERING

Does the Resurrection leave you scratching your head?

Should Christians believe in ghosts?

Do animals go to Heaven?

18th May, 8pm

Pour yourself a glass of wine, and join others from the comfort of your own home, and ask your question!

Just how good is the evidence for Jesus' resurrection?

Contact the Parish Office for Zoom details

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 Michael Beedle whose funeral is this week
- * For all those who have lost loved ones or been hurt by the recent events in the Holy Land
- * For the Nameless Group
- * For Christopher and Louise whose banns are being read for their wedding in June

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
Michael Beedle; Mark Palmer; Paul Goggins



NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd May
Pentecost

- 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

(Ezek. 37. 1-14)
Acts 2. 1-21
John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-13

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday
Maxine is off Monday, Tuesday and
Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Today

5.00pm Nameless Youth Group
Please contact Peter Waddell for details

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

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

Monday 17th May

12 noon Funeral of Michael Beedle in
St Lawrence

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

Tuesday 18th May, 12 noon

8pm Wine and Wondering on Zoom
Please contact the Parish Office for details

Wednesday 19th May

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

12 noon Eucharist
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Friday 21st May

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
In the Church Hall

Notices...

The Parish Office is open between the hours of 10.00am to 12.30pm Monday-Friday.

Remember: the pandemic isn't quite done with yet. Please consider whether you need to visit the office in person, and remember to bring a mask if you do.

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 Guy Buckler

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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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