

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



9th May 2021

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
at St Lawrence
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell
Reader: Mike Jefford
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell
Reader: Sarah Moreton
Intercessions: Wendy Meldrum
- 11.15am Eucharist at the Tin Church
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell
- Readings: (Is. 55:1-11)
1 Cor. 15: 35-49
Luke. 7: 11-17
- 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: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS:

(Is. 55:1-11)

1 Cor. 15: 35-49

Luke. 7: 11-17

BIBLE NOTES: We arrive today at one of the high points of Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, where he deals with the very obvious objection: with what kind of body are the dead meant to rise? Sceptics have always found it easy to subject resurrection belief to ridicule on this score – will the risen life feature digestive systems, fingernails and haircuts? Will heaven need a sewage system? Will I be my 70 year old self, or 17? Paul thinks all this betrays a lack of imagination: 'you fool!'. Think, he suggests, of the relationship between a seed and a flower: there is some kind of bodily continuity between the two, but that continuity is set within a quite staggering transformation. For human beings now to imagine their resurrection body is a bit like seeds trying to imagine what being a flower will be like – quite impossible, but that doesn't mean it's not going to happen! Paul remains determined: resurrection will be no thin, dilute, ghostly version of present existence. We'll be more real, more full and alive than we are now. A passage worth reading again and again .

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Christian Aid Week 10th—16th May

If you are able to donate, please pick up an envelope at the back of Church



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

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray:

- * For Leslie Little, Ena McCalla and Constance Wilson whose funerals are this week
- * For the Tin Church and its people on Ascension Day, 13th May
- * For Christian Aid Week and all those in need
- * Messy Church and those who attend
- * For Christopher and Louise whose banns are being read
- * For all those elected to public office

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Henry Bremer; Emma; James Mote; Sean Brosnan; Holly; Steve; Patricia Lakey; Pat; Kathy Bunting; Laura; Audrey Lockyer; Marion Constable; Doreen

FOR THE DEPARTED

Michael Beedle; Mark Palmer; Leslie Little; Ena McCalla; Constance Wilson; Paul Goggins



NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 16th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension Day

- 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. 36: 24-28)
1 Cor. 15: 50-58
John. 17: 6-19

AVAILABILITY

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

THE COMING WEEK

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

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

Monday 10th May, 8pm

Zoom Bible Study,
contact Peter Waddell for the link

Tuesday 11th May, 10.30am

Funeral of Leslie Little at St Lawrence

Wednesday 12th May

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

12 noon Eucharist
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

3.30pm Messy Church in St Lawrence

Thursday 13th May

12.20pm Funeral of Constance Wilson
at West Herts Crematorium

8pm Ascension Day at Tin Church, Bedmond

Friday 14th May

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
In the Church Hall

Notices...

Messy Church - Wednesday 12th May, 3.30pm in St Lawrence. If you would like to come, please contact Wendy Meldrum on wendymeldrum@gmail.com or text 07710688633. Booking is essential.

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.

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.

Person In Need - if you are able to donate any of the following to a person in need, please let the parish office know:

- ◆ Hoover
- ◆ double duvet covers
- ◆ Double sheets

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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