

NOTICES

► Today we celebrate our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST LAWRENCE** at **11.00 am** (not 9.30 am) followed by a barbeque in front of St Lawrence - all welcome.

► Later today (13th) you might want to walk off your barbeque by joining the Abbots Langley History Society's **WALK ROUND BEDMOND**. Meet in the recreation car park in Toms Lane at 2.00 pm.

► Red Cross **COFFEE MORNING** postponed from last Wednesday to this Wednesday (16th) - same time, same place - due to bad weather!

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for August. Please take copies. If you know of anyone who would be interested in advertising - please let the office know.

► **PRAISE & CAKE** - an evening of praise and reflection based on Psalm 23. Wednesday 16th August, 7.30 - 9.30 pm at Belmont Road Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead. Suggested admission £3 (Proceeds to Hospice of St Francis) - see leaflets on table or contact Sarah Moreton 07929 645179 for more details.

► Congratulations to **BILL & SALLY SANDERSON** who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 18th August.

► **MOTH WATCH** on Friday 25th August behind the Tin Church, Bedmond starting at 8.30 pm. This is a free event suitable for all the family. We have invited Dick Middleton from the Ruislip and District Natural History Society to come and talk to us about moths and set up a moth trap on the evening to see what we can catch. Further details from Carol Higgs or Wendy Ball.

► Friends **CHINESE NIGHT** at the Aroma Kitchen, Katherine Place. Monday 11th September, 7 for 7.30 pm tickets £16.50 from Sue Coultrup 334387.

► Extra **SIDESPEOPLE** are needed at the 9.30 am services; also for weddings. Please speak to Jane or contact the office if you would like to find out more.

► During the coming months, if you are in the High Street and have time, please pop into **ST LAWRENCE** and check all is OK - usually it is but it won't do any harm to discourage the wrong sort of activity.

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - many people have already signed up to this - have you?! (If nothing else it will make Marcus' life easier!) Take a pack if you haven't already; think and pray about how much you can give; complete the form and send it off - and cancel your old standing order if you have one.

► **MALAWI 2018 FUND** - just over £1,084 has been raised towards the £10,000 target - a fantastic start! (This is to cover project costs in Malawi; those going are self-supporting.) If you would like to support the fund there are forms on the table for you to give by cheque or cash, or you can give on-line: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► **CTAL SAFARI SUPPER** - Saturday 9th September beginning at the Baptist Church at 7.00 pm, tickets £10 each. Offers of making a **SHEPHERDS PIE** for the supper or for tickets please contact Nikki Williams.

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*If anyone needs the ministry of a priest,
or in any emergency at anytime,
day or night, please contact Peter directly.*

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

13th August 2017

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST LAWRENCE THE MARTYR



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Reader: Mike Jefford

No 9.30 am service

11.00 am Parish Communion followed by Barbeque

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Hymns: 106 - 311 - 53 - 287 - 56

3.00 pm Christening for Oliver Baker

4.00 pm Christening for George Bearne

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read, 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;

(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)
Quiet Children's Corner in Church

**Before the service,
listen to God;
and after the service,
listen to each other.**

If you have come to the service at 11.00 am please stay for the barbeque in front of St Lawrence.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the parish & community

8.15 am Thursday

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.*

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www.abbotslangley.org.uk

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.

COLLECT: Almighty God, who made Lawrence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Tobit 4.5-11

Bible page 4

The book of Tobit is a piece of historical fiction about the sufferings and healing of a pious Jew and his family who lived away from Israel in a Gentile world. It provides important evidence about the religious, intellectual and social life of Jews in the 4th and 3rd centuries BC. This section is about the right use of money. Almsgiving, or in our culture Christian stewardship, was fundamental as a tangible expression of religious belief. It 'delivers from death and keeps you from going into Darkness' (v 10). The more we give away, the less we are ensnared by our possessions.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9.6-10

Bible page 180

Paul teaches the Corinthians that, if they give generously, they will find that they always have enough of everything. This inversion of normal values relies on the idea that God's values are different from ours. From his eternal perspective it makes sense to seek riches in heaven. This may often be at the cost of earthly comfort: giving money is just the beginning.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.44-46

Bible page 14

Here Jesus compares his Kingdom to a treasure of great value – it would be worth giving all one has to possess it. We often read this passage as about the price of Christian commitment: St Lawrence offers an interestingly different perspective. What if we – especially the poor and the weak – are the treasure, and it is God who gave all that He had to find it?

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr Lawrence: so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice that our lives, broken and offered with his, may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15.21-28

AVAILABILITY

Peter's away from 17th to 24th August



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » St Lawrence - our example and our inspiration
- » this church building, and for past worshippers and benefactors
- » God's presence with us at all times and in all places

PRAY FOR

- » a willingness to love, and to put spiritual and heavenly treasures above everything else
- » all nurses, doctors, pharmacists, dieticians, physiotherapists and others who help care for and heal the sick
- » those receiving A level results this week
- » Oliver Baker and George Bearne who are being christened today
- » those who worship at The Baptist Church
- » those who live in Meadow Way (inc Bedmond School), Merlin Way and Millhouse Lane

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Steve Stuart : Sonya : Hazel Muskett :
Maureen Chester and her husband Stan :
Brenda Murphy : Graham Drage :
Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

R.I.P.

- » Joan Robertson

Laurence Deacon at Rome, Martyr



Laurence was one of the seven deacons at Rome and closely associated with Pope Sixtus II, martyred just a few days before him. His examiners insisted he produce the Church treasures. He promptly did so: assembling all the poor, he is reputed to have said, 'These are the treasures of the Church.' The story of his being put to death on a gridiron is a much later addition to his story. He died on this day in the year 258.

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 14th

- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice
- 8.00 pm Housegroup at 38 Oak Green

TUESDAY 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 2.00 pm Funeral of Joan Robertson at the Crematorium

WEDNESDAY 16th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - Arthur Rowland Botwright
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield

THURSDAY 17th

- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - Leonard Henry Bowsher

FRIDAY 18th

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 19th

NEXT SUNDAY

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 20th August 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President & Preacher: The Revd Angela Milton
- 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
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- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: Sally Sanderson