

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



5th April 2020

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday next before Easter

TODAY

9.30 am Service from Vicarage via Facebook

President &

Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

For the duration of the Church closure, the Sunday morning service will be broadcast from the Vicarage on Facebook Live – and we hope to also feed to the Sunday Service.org platform as soon as possible.

You don't have to be a member of Facebook to view this, just search for 'St. Lawrence Abbots Langley Facebook' on any search engine, or follow the link on the Parish Website.

4.30pm Vicar's Storytime

6.30pm Evening Prayer

SERVICES THIS WEEK HOLY WEEK Via Facebook

8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

8.00 pm Maundy Thursday Reflection

2.00 pm Good Friday – an hour at the cross

DAILY

9.00 am Morning Prayer
(except Sundays)
10.30am Vicar's Story Time
(except Sundays)
4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today, albeit from the Vicarage via Facebook.

Sad to say, for the first time in many hundred years, public worship at St. Lawrence - and at the Tin Church in Bedmond - has been suspended for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus situation. This a national decision, taken by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Even though there will be no services in church, rest assured that we will still be serving the people of Abbots Langley and Bedmond just as we have since 1154.

There's much anxiety around at the moment. But people from both our churches are also around: to chat with those who need it, to pray, and where necessary to offer practical support with supplies etc. We are here for EVERYONE, regardless of whether you've ever been the slightest bit religious.

You can contact us via FB, or the Vicarage on 01923 263013 or email adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk. (Of course, please bear in mind that everyone is a little stretched right now - we will get back to you, but the response may take a few hours).

God bless. We will get to a better day.



Assembly Time

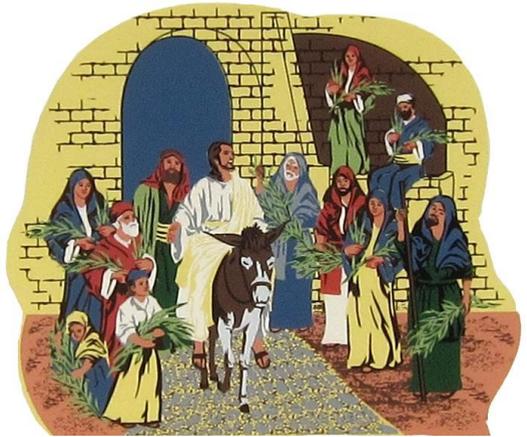
Holy Week

Monday and Wednesday **2pm**
Friday at **1.30pm**
School Assemblies online

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT: Almighty and the everlasting God who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility and also be made part takers of his resurrection. 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 forever. **Amen**

THE READINGS: At one level, Jesus' decision to ride a donkey into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday (**Matthew 21:1-11**) was what it is often taken to be: a statement of deep humility, of Jesus' refusal to behave like some powerful military conqueror. At roughly the same time, Jerusalem would have witnessed the arrival of the Roman Governor, accompanied by a full show of force to overawe the locals: the contrast with Jesus would have been very striking. At another level, however, 'the donkey option' is anything but meek and mild. To people who knew the prophecy of **Zechariah 9:9-12**, it would be a unmistakable and highly provocative claim to kingship. Indeed, some scholars wonder whether it can have been such a large and public event as we often think (and Matthew suggests): had it been, Jesus is unlikely to have made it through the city gates before the Romans put a stop to it. Jesus is



in effect throwing down a gauntlet to the Roman authorities and their collaborators in the Temple hierarchy - more than that, he is really pronouncing the end of their rule. The man on the donkey is the true king arriving, and all pretenders must give way. Nevertheless, though the claim is astonishingly bold, there is something of humility in it: this King, unlike the Emperor Pilate represents, will not exercise dominion by force. He is not interested in beating Rome and its cronies at their own game: rather the liberation he comes to bring is of a deeper and more comprehensive kind than swords could ever achieve. The enthusiastic Galilean crowds who have accompanied Jesus to the capital have not yet grasped what this means - and the story of Holy Week turns out to be nothing like what they thought it should be. God's ways, it turns out, are deeply strange. Our task this Holy Week is to stretch our minds and hearts around them once again.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation, give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » those who have responded to God's call
- » God's many blessings, especially friendship and fellowship with others

PRAY FOR

- » For those affected by the Coronavirus
- » better sharing of the world's resources
- » all those who are struggling to make ends meet
- » all people to know God's blessing and eternal love
- » for those who live in De Havilland Way; Dellmeadow; East Lane
- » for those who worship at St. Saviour's Abbots Langley
- » Please pray for good relations with our European neighbours

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Ben; Betty Harris; Holly Stenning; Stephen Moore; Tim; Henry Bremer; Alan Howe; Michael Borrowdale; Lesley Ward; Roland Maxted; Russell Stratton



RIP

June Parker
Clive Winder
Susan Mary Fox



NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER DAY
12th April 2020

9.30 am Service from Vicarage

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4.30 pm Vicar's Story time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Saturday

THE COMING WEEK

HOLY WEEK

Monday 6th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Vicar's Story Time

12.00 noon Funeral of Susan Mary Fox,
Woodcock Hill Cemetery

2.00 pm Online School Assembly

4.30 pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection

Tuesday 7th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Vicar's Story Time

4.30 pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection

Wednesday 8th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Vicar's Story Time

2.00 pm Online School Assembly

4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection

Maundy Thursday 9th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Vicar's Story Time

4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm Maundy Thursday Reflection

Good Friday 10th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.30 pm Online School Assembly

2-3pm An Hour at the Cross

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 11th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Vicar's Story Time

4.30pm Vicar's Story Time

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Bishops Golden Rules

For behaviour during the virus outbreak

Golden Rule One

Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.

Golden Rule Two

Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about each church undertaking an audit of all the vulnerable people they know and sharing out the responsibility to phone them each day. There's nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.

Golden Rule Three

Don't give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do you best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating you will of course need some supplies.

Golden Rule Four

Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6. 25 – 34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

Notices...

Self Isolation - if you have to self isolate, please let the Parish office know.

Please look out for those who are vulnerable. Remember to check on neighbours. Let's try not to assume that people who appear young, fit and healthy do not need checking up on. Over the coming weeks, anyone can be affected by the current situation. Self Isolation can be lonely for anyone.

Church Office - church office is closed, however you can still call the Vicarage on 01923 263013 or Email: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk.

Outlook - Hopefully most of the Outlook's have been delivered via Royal Mail, if you have not received it, please bear with us, it will be on it's way. If you would like a copy and do not usually receive one, please email us and we will get one posted out to you.

We are hoping to publish Outlook for May. If you have an article you would like us to consider, please email to adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk and we will do our best to feature it.

Foodbank - Whilst the Church is closed, the foodbank drop off point is now in Budgens.

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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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