

## NOTICES

### PARISH CONVERSATIONS

**Sunday 26th at 7.30 pm &  
Tuesday 28th February at 1.00 pm  
Worship**

Please take a paper to help you think before coming.

► **ASH WEDNESDAY** this week - services at 10.15 am and 8.00 pm - please return last year's **PALM CROSSES** by Monday so they can be burnt for use on Wednesday.

► Please sign up for the **CTAL LENT COURSE - LIVING GOD'S LOVE** - there is a list at the back of church.

► **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** starts tomorrow (27th) - please look out for fairly traded goods when you are shopping - not just this fortnight, of course, but all the time and buy via the Traidcraft stall next Sunday.

► **TINY TOTS** at 2.15 pm on Monday's during term-time in the Breakspear Room for Parents/Carers and their children.

► On Monday 27th February, the Revd Anders Bergquist will be speaking on **POPE ADRIAN IV** at a meeting of the Local History Society at 8.00 pm in the Manor House Sports and Social Centre - non members £2.

► **MEETING FOR FLOWER ARRANGERS** (and interested people) on Thursday 2nd March at 11.00 am in the Breakspear Room for coffee and a chat.

► If you would like to join a choir for the **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at the Methodist Church on Friday 3rd March at 2.00 pm there will be a rehearsal on Tuesday 28th February at 2.30 pm at the Methodist Church.

► **THANK YOU** to everyone who sold Quizzes. We raised £516 for the Friends this year, with just a little bit more money to come in.

► **TALK** by Tony Eaton 'Invasion 1940...What if?' on Saturday 11th March at 7.30 pm in the Church hall. Tickets £5 pp available from the Church office. Proceeds to go to Friends.

► Please take a paper copy of the report from **GENERAL SYNOD** written by one of the diocesan General Synod reps.

► If you'd like to help the people of **MALAWI** by knitting vests, bonnets, etc then come along on a Friday afternoon to the **CRAFT AND CONVERSATION** at 2.00 pm with your needles and wool (not white) - or pick up a pattern to knit at home.

► **PLANNED GIVING** - there are letters at the back of church for those who pay by standing order or BACS.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for March. Please take copies. If you or anyone you know would like to **ADVERTISE** their business we have a few spaces in the magazine contact the office 261795 to find out more.

► Buy **TRAIDCRAFT EASTER GIFTS** via the Church Office and help Traidcraft fairtrade producers and Church funds. The "Real Easter Egg" tells the story of Easter - Milk Chocolate at £4 each, Dark Chocolate at £5.50 each. Both come in cases of 6, so we will have a few from stock to sell but specific orders will be very helpful. Other items too are available, see the catalogue we have available or search the website [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk).

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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

**26th February 2017**  
**THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**



### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Reader: Linda Bullock

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 432 - 82 - 133 - 53 - 500 - 522  
Readers: Sarah Reeve and Phill Higgs  
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

**11.30 am Extraordinary meeting of PCC**


**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell


**7.30 pm Parish Conversations - Worship**  
in the Breakspear Room

### 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 sidesman 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 - there is a room in the church hall with suitable toys (0-3 years)  
Seekers in the church hall (3-10 years)  
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 9.30 am service please stay for refreshments in the church hall after the service.**



### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Holy Communion**  
10.15 am Wednesday

**Morning Prayer**  
9.30 am Monday to Friday

**Evening Prayer**  
5.15 pm Monday to Friday

**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 standing order, as many others are, please contact Marcus Coultrup (334387).*

## THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

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

**COLLECT:** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING Exodus 24.12-end Bible page 72

All of today's readings are about God's glory. God's appearance in fire on top of Mount Horeb was awe-inspiring; the people are caught up in an immediate vision of God. And yet the cloud also suggests that God's presence is veiled: the appearance of God as he is is beyond human capacity to conceive or endure. Yet it is this encounter with God, in which God gives his people the law, that is the foundation for the future life of Israel.

### SECOND READING 2 Peter 1.16-end Bible page 234

Peter's concern is with true knowledge, about how trustworthy the faith of the church is. He speaks from the experience of having seen the transfiguration, which vision is in harmony with the words of the prophets about the coming of the Messiah in glory.

### GOSPEL Matthew 17.1-9 Bible page 17

Malachi had predicted the return of Elijah as a herald of the Messiah. Moses was the great lawgiver, the one through whom God made his covenant with Israel. The appearance of these two figures in glory with Jesus points to his glory; the voice from heaven confirming Jesus as God's Son, the Messiah. Drawing on the Exodus reading and on the tradition of God appearing on mountains, this event once again shows God's awesome majesty.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7  
Romans 5.12-19  
Matthew 4.1-11

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday

'Lent is upon us! Have you made your resolution yet? Prayer, Study, Almsgiving and Fasting are the four classic areas ... how might these feature for you in the next forty days? Peter, or any of the clergy, are always happy to talk such things over with you...'

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's glory and majesty
- » the opportunity to draw closer to God during Lent

### PRAY FOR

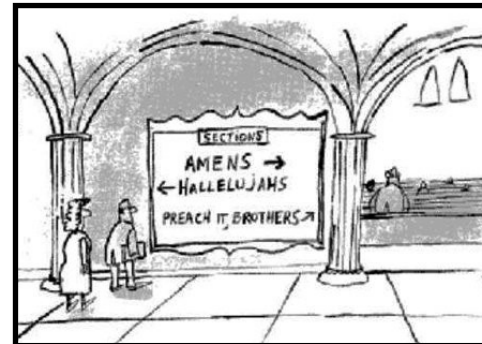
- » single-hearted devotion to our Lord during Lent
- » peace in troubled areas of the world
- » Tiny Tots and its leaders
- » those who worship at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
- » those who live in Creasy Close, Curtis Drive and Dairy Way (inc Antoinette Court and Tith Barn Court)

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Annie Rycroft : Roy Bratt : Sheila Gorman : John Tapster : Val Brown : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard : Barbara Metcalfe : Lucie Shephard

### R.I.P.

- » Marie Merralls (formerly Tibbs Hill Road) : Hilda May (Magnolia Avenue) : Ruby Howe (St Lawrence Close) : Dorothy Steele : Richard Tovell



## THE COMING WEEK

**MONDAY 27th** George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633  
2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room  
7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

### TUESDAY 28th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room  
10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House  
1.00 pm Parish Conversations - Worship in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 1st ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning  
**10.15 am Holy Communion including the Imposition of Ashes**  
**8.00 pm Parish Communion including the Imposition of Ashes**

### THURSDAY 2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

8.15 am Prayers for the local church and community  
11.00 am Flower Arrangers meeting in the Breakspear Room  
7.30 pm Confirmation candidates meet in the Breakspear Room  
8.00 pm Housegroup at 6 Kindersley Way

### FRIDAY 3rd

10.00 am Heart for Abbots Langley Coffee Morning in the Henderson Hall  
2-4.00 pm Crafts in the Breakspear Room  
2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church

### SATURDAY 4th

## NEXT SUNDAY

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**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Crèche**  
President & Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith

**11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith

**12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

**7.30 pm CTAL Lent Course**  
in the Breakspear Room