

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

11th February 2018

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

The Revd Angela Milton

Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service

President: The Revd Peter Waddell

Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

Hymns: 284 - 53 - 226 - 454 - 335 -

My Jesus, my Saviour - 317

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

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 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

when all in church together);

(the Church Hall is at the end of the car park)

Quiet Children's Corner in Church



If you have come to the service at 9.30 am, please stay for refreshments in the hall after the service.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer for the local 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.

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

2 Kings 2.1-12

Bible page 342

The transition between Elijah and Elisha as the chief prophet of Israel is seamless. Elijah does not die, but is taken up to heaven in full view of his successor and numerous witnesses. Elisha is distressed at the loss of his mentor; he hangs on to him until the very last minute and refuses to acknowledge that the parting is imminent as passers by offer their support. Elijah would be a very hard act to follow, and Elisha's request for a double share of his spirit is both humble and realistic. As a result of this request, he too became a great prophet.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Bible page 177

Reliance on ourselves is the way to separation from God and a meaningless life. The world focuses very much on gathering wealth and power as a way of protecting ourselves from hurt and securing pleasure; yet in the process we become more selfish, cut off from each other and unable to see what God is offering in terms of love and true flourishing.

GOSPEL

Mark 9.2-9

Bible page 42

At the Transfiguration of Christ, the disciples are given a glimpse of heaven and Christ's true identity. Even they are not able to take in the full meaning of the experience, despite all the time spent with Jesus and being taught by him. Yet they are aware that through Christ is the way to God, the fulfilment of the centuries of guidance and teaching by the leaders and prophets of Israel. It was a humbling and awe inspiring experience, too precious to be shared with those who are unprepared.

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.

National Marriage Week
(7th - 14th February)



A prayer for those preparing for marriage:

*Lord,
bless all those who will marry in St Lawrence
this year.
We pray that as couples prepare
for their wedding day,
not only would their love for each other
grow stronger,
but they would become more and more aware
of your great love for them.
Amen.*

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » heaven breaking through into time and space
- » strength and hope to enable us to do what is true and loving

PRAY FOR

- » the world of finance and business, where God is sometimes hardest to be seen
- » the people of Malosa in Malawi; for staff and patients in St Luke's Hospital; for those who attend the Church of Ascension; and for the staff and pupils at the Secondary School
- » National Marriage Week and especially for those preparing to marry in St Lawrence this year; and also for those going through difficulties or whose relationships have come to an end
- » Bedmond Academy and for those who live in Belgrave Drive, Bell Close
- » those who worship at St Saviour's RC Church and for Frs Richard and Christopher SDS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Sarah Jenkins : Annie Rycroft : Ben : Rosemary Tucker : Sheila Hayes : Joe : Hazel Muskett : Sonya : Maureen Chester : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Ewan Mander

RIP

- » Robin Hill (Kings Langley) : Jennifer Izzard : Jean Johnstone : Christine Viner

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end;
Mark 1.9-15

AVAILABILITY

Peter will be off Thursday to Saturday

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 12th

No *Tiny Tots* (half term)

7.30 pm Ringers' practice in St Lawrence tower

TUESDAY 13th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the B'spear Room

12.00 noon MU Pancake Lunch in the church hall

WEDNESDAY 14th Ash Wednesday

10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
Including Imposition of Ashes

10.20 am Funeral of Jean Johnston at the
Crematorium

11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi
Chapel, St Lawrence

3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist church

7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

8.00 pm Parish Communion in St Lawrence
Including Imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY 15th

11.00 am Flower arrangers' meeting in the
Breakspear Room

12.15 pm Funeral of Christine Viner in
St Lawrence following cremation

FRIDAY 16th

10.00 am Craft Group in the Tin Church

10.30 am Redbourne U3A visit the Tin Church

10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub,
Abbots Langley High Street

12.00 noon Bell Toll for WWI soldier
George Brown

2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the
Breakspear Room

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18th February 2018

8.00 am **Holy Communion** at St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

9.30 am **Parish Communion with Seekers
& Creche** at St Lawrence

President: The Revd Peter Waddell

Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

11.00 am **Holy Communion at Bedmond**

followed by congregational meeting

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

6.30 pm **Evening Prayer** at St Lawrence

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

NOTICES

► **LENT** begins this week, on Ash Wednesday. There will be services of Holy Communion, with Imposition of Ashes, at 10.15 am and 8.00 pm.

► **LENT COURSE** - please sign the list in either church if you would like to attend one of the Lent Courses: Sundays at 7.30 pm beginning 18th February; or Tuesdays at 2.00 pm beginning 20th February - both in the Breakspear Room; both using the Pilgrim Course on the Lord's Prayer.

► **LENT LUNCHES** on Sundays 25th February and 11th March in the hall at 12.45 for 1.00 pm - please sign the list if you would like to come.

► **PALM CROSSES** - please return yours by tomorrow if you would like it to be burnt for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

► **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY** on 13th February at 12.00 noon in the church hall. As well as a pancake you will get a cheese roll and drink. There will also be a raffle and cake stall. All money raised will go towards Mothers' Union projects at home and abroad. All welcome.

► There will be a **TABLE TOP SALE FOR MALAWI** on Sunday 18th February in the hall during coffee.

► **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service on Friday 2nd March at 2.00 pm at St Paul's, Langleybury, followed by refreshments. All welcome (not just women!). If you'd like a lift please ask via the Office (261795).

► **OUTLOOK** - the Church magazine - is available for February.

► Before you next shop online remember to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** - to help raise church funds. Use this link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley - it won't cost you a penny but the church will benefit.

► **USED STAMPS** for the Hospice of St Francis. Leave them in the box at the back of either church or in the office.

► **ABBEYFIELD ABBOTS LANGLEY** (supported sheltered accommodation in Greenways) has bed-sitting room vacancies at present. If you would like to look around please contact the House on 263541 or speak to Jan Palmer, Marcus Coultrup, Norman Meldrum or Pam Rastall for further information.

► **TELL ME ON A SUNDAY** - starring Emma Stratton and friends, following their sold-out performances in Abbots Langley in the autumn, they are taking the show to Edge Grove School in Radlett. Saturday 17th February at 7.30 pm; Sunday 18th February at 5.00 pm. Box office: www.ticketsource.co.uk/radlettmusicaltheatrecompany or call: 07950 884234; tickets £14 each.

► **CATS** - performers include Emma and Russell Stratton and a very talented cast of singers & dancers. At the Radlett Centre from Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th March at 7.30 pm plus a 2.30 pm matinee on the Saturday. Tickets: <http://www.radlettcentre.co.uk/What-s-On/Theatre/Cats/> or call the theatre box office: 01923 857546; tickets £16 & £18.

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