

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

3rd March 2019

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Hymns: 9 (vv 1,3,5,7) - 133 - 225 - 484 - 463 - 310
Readers: Steve Smith and Jenny Sanders
Intercessor: Sally Sanderson

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 9 (vv 1,3,5,7) - 133 - 225 - 310
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the church hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: Sally Sanderson

6.30 pm Youth Group meets in the
Breakspear Room

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence
12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence
9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer said in St Lawrence
5.15 pm Monday to Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
11.15 am Wednesday

Early Prayer in St Lawrence
8.15 am Thursday

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 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.

The 9.30 am service is **recorded live** on 'www.thesunday.org' each week. No members of the congregation will be seen on camera.



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 in St Lawrence:

Seekers for children of primary school age (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;
Creche in the Breakspear Room;
Quiet Corner in church



Please join us for **coffee, tea or juice and biscuits** in the church hall after the 9.30 am service.



A **collection** is taken at each main service. If you are a UK tax payer, please complete 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.

Many regular members of the congregation give by direct debit and so put nothing in the bag as it passes by.

*If you would like to set up a regular direct debit, please ask for 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

Exodus 34.29-end

Bible page 84

The two Sundays before Lent look back at the glory of God's creation and the Transfiguration of Jesus – holding before us the hope of glory to strengthen us to begin the discipline of Lent. Moses on Sinai was transformed by his encounter with God, and a sign was that his face became so radiant he had to cover it before the people.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Bible page 176

For Paul, the veil Moses wore becomes a symbol of people's minds being closed to God. But in Jesus, the veil is lifted and we can encounter and endure the full vision of God's beauty and radiance. And 'with unveiled faces' we are being transformed into the glory and image of God that we behold.

GOSPEL

Luke 9.28-36

Bible page 67

In the Transfiguration of Jesus, the disciples Peter, John and James who go with him to the mountain see the fullness of the glory of God revealed in him. Moses and Elijah are seen, bearing witness to Jesus as the one who fulfils the Law and the Prophets. (In early Church tradition this said to be the first time Moses and Elijah see God face to face.) The disciples do not understand the vision until they see Jesus again in glory on the cross and at the Resurrection.

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.**

ANTHEM at 9.30 am - 'Panis Angelicus' - Cesar Franck

*Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis*

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men
The heavenly bread ends all symbols
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord
will nourish
The poor, poor, and humble servant
The poor, poor, and humble servant

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the glory of God made visible in Jesus
- » the hope that we will see God face to face
- » the power of God to forgive our sins and transform our lives

PRAY FOR

- » all who work to transform the lives of others
- » those who have little hope or light in their lives
- » those who live in Braham Crescent; Breakspeare Road; and for pupils and staff at Breakspeare School
- » those who worship at the Tin Church

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Karen Clark : Ada : Paul Maxted : Andrew Cummings : Brian McIntosh : Sandra Smalley : Ben : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa

RIP

- » Peter Holland (formerly Abbeyfield & Marlin Square) : Sheila Whitton : Joyce Seabrook : Dorothy Hewson

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Theme for Lent: Prayer
10th March 2019

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

11.15 am Holy Communion in Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris
followed by congregational meeting

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th

- 11.30 am CTAL Lent group in the Tin Church
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspeare Room
- 7.30 pm Bell ringing in St Lawrence tower

Tuesday 5th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspeare Rm
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Baptist Church
- 8.30 pm Finance Committee in the Breakspeare Rm

Wednesday 6th - Ash Wednesday

- 10.30 am Bedmond Coffee Morning
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion with ashing in St Lawrence
- 2.00 pm CTAL Lent group in the Breakspeare Room
- 8.00 pm Holy Communion with ashing in St Lawrence

Thursday 7th

Church Office closed

- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in St Paul's Vicarage
- 7.30 pm CTAL Lent group in the Methodise hall

Friday 8th

Church Office closed

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.30 am CTAL Lent group in St Saviour's Rooms
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspeare Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspeare Room

Saturday 9th

- 2.00 pm Burial of Ashes of Eileen Littler

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 40.28-31; Ephesians 6.10-19;
Luke 11.1-4,9-13

NOTICES

► **LENT** begins this week - **Ash Wednesday** is **6th March** - services with ashing at 12.00 noon and 8.00 pm in St Lawrence. Churches Together has arranged for **Lent Groups** to take place on each day of the week. Please sign up to a day and time which suits you - sign up sheets are at the back of both churches.

► **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** - it is renewed every six years and this is one of the renewal years. If you are a regular worshipper (at least monthly) at any service in either church please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church Office by 8th April. There are also packs to join **PLANNED GIVING** (if you are not already a member) as your membership of the Electoral Roll has financial implications for the amount we pay to the Diocese.

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for March - please take a copy (40p). We hope you will continue your subscription (£4.80) into 2019 - please pay your deliverer or via the office.

► **ABBOTS LANGLEY PLAYERS'** production of 'The Actress' runs from Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th March in the Henderson Hub; 7.45 pm nightly with a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. Synopsis of the play: 'the star's flower-filled dressing room is the setting for this comedy on the final and emotional show before her retirement to Switzerland with her elderly fiancé. Relations past and present and professional colleagues come in and out bringing advice, best wishes and brandy and perhaps unsettling feelings.' Tickets are £10 each from 0844 804 5354.

► The new **HOME GROUP** had a good start last month but is not meeting in March or April to encourage members to join the CTAL Lent groups. Therefore, the next meeting of the Home Group will be Thursday 2nd May in the Breakspear Room at 8.00 pm; new members will be welcome then.

MESSY CHURCH

The next one is Wednesday 13th March in the Methodist church and hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm for children and parents/carers: stories, activities and fun, finishing with supper.

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE

Some dates for your diary: the next event is the **Puzzle and Toy Fair** on Saturday 27th April in the church hall; please look out all the jigsaws and toys (in good condition) that you no longer need as others might like to buy them; 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the church hall. Then on Saturday 11th May, there will be a **Safari Supper**; hosts are still needed so if you can provide a main course for between six and ten guests in your house please contact Sue Coultrup.

► **CHORAL EVENSONG** will be sung by the choir in St Lawrence on Sunday 17th March at 6.30 pm. This is a centuries old service; the rhythm of speech and music works together to create a slowing of heart rate and breathing, and a quietening of the mind. In many churches and cathedrals all over the country, congregation numbers are growing at Choral Evensong. Why not come along and give it a try?

► The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March.

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If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night, please contact Peter directly.

