

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



18th April 2021

The Third Sunday of Easter

TODAY

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Lawrence
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
President: Revd. Maxine Howarth
Preacher: Revd. Brian Hibberd
- Reader: Brenda Southorn
Intercessions: Marcus Coultrup
- 11.15am Eucharist at the Tin Church
President: Revd. Peter Waddell
Preacher: Revd. Peter Waddell
- Readings: (Zeph.3:14-end)
1 Cor.15:12-19
Luke. 24: 36b-48
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
at St Lawrence

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Please feel free to light a candle and pray but do observe the correct social distancing rules. Be aware of social distancing not only next to you, but behind you and in front of you.

Please could we ask that you use the hand sanitizer provided and do not touch anything you don't need to.

Please do not enter any of the areas which are blocked as these are not cleaned regularly.

We will be open from 09.30 to 16.30 Monday to Saturday and 11.00 to 16.30 on a Sunday.

WELCOME

Welcome to 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 very welcome to receive a blessing.

Please tell a sidesperson before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer.



A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.



The pre-pandemic timetable of Sunday services has now resumed at both St. Lawrence and the Tin Church.

It remains essential to book in for all services, via the Parish Office.

Please note that unless you are exempt, face masks remain mandatory. Unfortunately due to Government Guidelines, there will be no congregational singing. For the moment, communion continues using the bread only.

If medical reasons prevent you from attending church, and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

As always you can still contact us via FB, or the Church Office on 01923 261795 or email: adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk.

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

READINGS:

(Zeph.3:14-end)

1 Cor.15:12-19

Luke. 24: 36b-48

BIBLE NOTES: In our reading from **I Corinthians 15** Paul gets pretty aggressive in his insistence that belief in the resurrection is essential to the Christian faith and that to doubt it is to reject the Good News message which is the basis of that faith. Yet some 20 or so years later, the writer of Luke's Gospel still feels he needs to drive that message home by emphasising, as he does in today's Gospel reading, the very physical, un-ghost like appearance of the now risen Jesus. He even feels hungry enough to ask his disciples if they've got any food and proceeds to eat the fish he is offered! At least that means for us that when, some 2,000 years later, we might have doubts about the resurrection we are by no means the first, and probably not the last.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray:

- * For the Nameless Youth Group
- * For our APCM
- * For the Royal Family in the wake of Prince Philip's funeral
- * For Graham and Evonne as they begin their married life
- * For all who are full of doubts

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Henry Bremer; Emma; James Mote; Sean Brosnan; Holly; Steve; Patricia Lakey; Hugo; Pat; Kathy Bunting; Hannah; Josh; Olivia; Laura; Audrey Lockyer; Marion Constable; Tony King; Doreen

FOR THE DEPARTED

Brian Rogers; HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 25th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8am: Eucharist (BCP) at St. Lawrence
9.30am: Eucharist at St. Lawrence
11.15am: Eucharist at The Tin Church
6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP) at St. Lawrence

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

- (Genesis 7: 1-18)
1 Cor. 15: 20-28
John. 10: 11-18

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Friday
Maxine's day off is Friday

THE COMING WEEK

Sunday (Today)

5pm - The Nameless Youth Group on Zoom

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Morning Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel
All Welcome - also livestreamed

Tuesday

 8.00pm APCM in St Lawrence and Via Zoom

Wednesday

11.15am 'Time for God'
Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12 noon Eucharist
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Friday

6pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
In the Church Hall



Coming up...

APCM 2021 is this week!

It's happening on the evening of Tuesday April 20th at 8pm in St. Lawrence, and also on Zoom. An important meeting to take stock of how the church has fared in this most unusual of years. Please let the Parish Office know how you wish to attend - whether on Zoom or in person.

Book of Remembrance - We will be sending the Book of Remembrance off to Calligraphers at the end of April for new requests to be entered. If you would like to put an entry in for a loved one, please contact the Parish Officer for more details.

Notices...

The Parish Office has re-opened. Opening hours are between 10.00am to 12.30pm Monday-Friday. Remember: the pandemic isn't quite done with yet. Please consider whether you need to visit the office in person, and remember to bring a mask if you do.

Do you have any free-standing clothes rails you would be happy to give to the Abbots Langley Players, which is moving its vast clothing and props store. Many thanks. Any offers to Pat Hibberd 01923 267391 pathibberd@talktalk.net



Foodbank...

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food for us to take to the Watford Foodbank.

The items we most need at the moment are:

Tinned fruit

Instant mashed potato

Tinned tomatoes/tinned vegetables

Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)

Tinned rice pudding/custard

Packets of jelly or sponge puddings

Long-life fruit juice/Long life milk

Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread

Jars of pasta sauce

Tinned meat

Little chocolate bars and sweet treats

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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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