

NOTICES

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - many people have already signed up to this - have you?! (If nothing else it will make Marcus' life easier!) Take a pack if you haven't already; think and pray about how much you can give; complete the form and send it off - and cancel your old standing order if you have one.

► We shall celebrate our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST LAWRENCE** on Sunday 13th August with Parish Communion at **11.00 am** (not 9.30 am) followed by a barbeque in front of St Lawrence - all welcome. Please sign the list if you are coming to the barbeque.

► On Sunday 13th August you might want to walk off your barbeque by joining the Abbots Langley History Society's **WALK ROUND BEDMOND**. Meet in the recreation car park in Toms Lane at 2.00 pm.

► There are spaces on the **SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA** (particularly on 8th October and 26th November) - please see the rota on the table and sign up to help where you can - thank you.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for August. Please take copies. If you know of anyone who would be interested in advertising - please let the office know.

► **PRAISE & CAKE** - an evening of praise and reflection based on Psalm 23. Wednesday 16th August, 7.30 - 9.30 pm at Belmont Road Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead. Suggested admission £3 (Proceeds to Hospice of St Francis) - see leaflets on table or contact Sarah Moreton 07929 645179 for more details.

► **MOTH WATCH** on Friday 25th August behind the Tin Church, Bedmond starting at 8.30 pm. This is a free event suitable for all the family. We have invited Dick Middleton from the Ruislip and District Natural History Society to come and talk to us about moths and set up a moth trap on the evening to see what we can catch. Further details from Carol Higgs or Wendy Ball.

► Congratulations to **ROY and SHIRLEY BRATT** who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 10th August.

► During the coming months, if you are in the High Street and have time, please pop into **ST LAWRENCE** and check all is OK - usually it is but it won't do any harm to discourage the wrong sort of activity.

► **MALAWI 2018 FUND** - just over £1,084 has been raised towards the £10,000 target - a fantastic start! (This is to cover project costs in Malawi; those going are self-supporting.) If you would like to support the fund there are forms on the table for you to give by cheque or cash, or you can give on-line: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► Extra **SIDESPEOPLE** are needed at the 9.30 am services; also for weddings. Please speak to Jane or contact the office if you would like to find out more.

► **CTAL SAFARI SUPPER** - Saturday 9th September beginning at the Baptist Church at 7.00 pm. Tickets available from Nikki Williams - £10 each.

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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

6th August 2017

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 82 - 270 - 26 - 335 - 500 - 317
Readers: Nigel Higgs and Jenny Sanders
Intercessor: Peter Howarth

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 82 - 270 - 26 - 317
Reader: Debbie Herrington

11.30 am Christening for Harry Brown

12.30 pm Christening for Frankie Hogan and Ella-Mai Marle

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially those who have come to hear their Banns of Marriage read, 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;

(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 service at 9.30 am please stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat in the church hall. 

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

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 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: Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Bible page 843

The prophecy here is designed to encourage the people of Israel to keep faith with God, even in the hard circumstances of foreign rule. The kingship of the Son of Man (whom Christians see as Jesus) is displayed: he is in control of history and if they keep faith, God's people will be vindicated.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1.16-19 Bible page 234

According to some commentators, this account of the transfiguration is earlier than the gospel accounts. Against the mystery religions and heretical versions of Christianity which flourished in this period, the author of this letter writes to show us that the gospel is not based upon a myth, but on the real, earthly life of Jesus. He is an unlikely king, but the transfiguration shows the glory that is truly his.

GOSPEL Luke 9.28-36 Bible page 67

This passage follows on from Peter's acclamation of Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus' prediction of his coming suffering and death. The vision of Jesus in great glory, accompanied by Moses (who represent the Old Testament Law) and Elijah (who represents the Prophets) shows us who he really is: when the world will not or cannot understand him (and so crucifies him), his disciples know that Jesus is God's anointed one, greater than either Moses or Elijah.

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

Tobit 4.5-11
2 Corinthians 9.6-10
Matthew 6.19-24

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off - Monday 7th August



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's promise that we will share in his glory
- » God's revelation of himself in the life of Christ and in the ongoing life of the Church

PRAY FOR

- » attentiveness: that we may glimpse God's glory in the world
- » a deeper understanding of the mystery of God's love
- » Harry Brown; Frankie Hogan and Ella-Mai Marle who are being christened today
- » Mark and Lisa-Marie Shotton on their First Wedding Anniversary
- » those who worship at St Saviour's Church
- » those who live in Maple Leaf Close, Margaret Close and Marlin Square

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Steve Stuart : Sonya : Hazel Muskett :
- Maureen Chester and her husband Stan :
- Brenda Murphy : Graham Drage :
- Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

R.I.P.

- » Joan Robertson (Ash Close)

The *Living God's Love*

Prayer:

Living God,

Draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord,
send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit,
make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us,
teach and inspire us
to live your love
with generosity and joy,
imagination and courage;
for the sake of your world
and in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

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THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 7th

7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 8th Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 9th Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

10.15 am Holy Communion including MU Corporate Communion

10.45 am MU meet in the Breakspear Room

THURSDAY 10th Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

10.30 am Home Communion at Hanover Gardens

FRIDAY 11th Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minorenses (Poor Clares), 1253

10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church

10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub

2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 12th

NEXT SUNDAY

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST LAWRENCE THE MARTYR
13th August 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

No 9.30 am service

11.00 am Parish Communion followed by barbeque
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

3.00 pm Christening for Oliver Baker

4.00 pm Christening for George Bearne

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell