

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



16th September 2018

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Reader: Sue Tomson

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers  
and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 17 - 148 - 30 - 346 - 549 - 164  
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum

**11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd  
Hymns: 17 - 429 - 328 - 164  
Reader: June Tanner

**11.30 pm RAFA Battle of Britain Service**  
in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

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

### 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 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.

Unfortunately, the 9.30 am service is, at present, **sound live** only on 'www.thesundayervice.org'. We hope to get pictures back soon.



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 those aged 3 to 10 years (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:** O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

**FIRST READING**                      Isaiah 50.4-9a                      Bible page 691

In this passage, the third of the 'Servant Songs' (familiar from Handel's Messiah), the prophet encourages those who are suffering to trust in God's plan for salvation. The Israelites in exile begin to glimpse that suffering will be vindicated and redeemed, and even that suffering can be the means by which redemption is won.

**SECOND READING**                      Colossians 1.15-20                      Bible page 197

Paul speaks of the creative force of God in terms of Jesus: he is the one through whom God reveals himself to us. And as Trinity, God reaches out to his creation and draws it back to himself – for it is only in relationship with God that creation truly flourishes.

**GOSPEL**                                      Mark 8.27-end                      Bible page 42

Known as 'Peter's Confession', the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah is a turning-point in Mark's Gospel. From here on the teaching of Jesus is addressed more exclusively to the disciples, and prophecies of his coming Passion figure prominently. Although Peter at first imagines the Messiah will fulfil conventional expectations, Jesus is clear that he must suffer and die, and that his disciples, now as then, must be prepared to follow his example.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANTHEM at 9.30 am** 'Lord for thy tender mercy's sake ' by Farrant

Lord for thy tender mercy's sake  
Lay not our sins to our charge,  
But forgive that is past  
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
That we may walk in an upright heart  
Before thee now and evermore.  
Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS



### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the cross of Christ, which turns all our values upside down
- » those who use speech to encourage and praise
- » those who speak out for justice

### PRAY FOR

- » God's strength as we carry our own cross
- » those who suffer for their faith
- » the Royal Air Force Association and the work it does in support of the RAF family
- » those who live in Peacock Walk, Pinehurst Close, Popes Road
- » those who worship at the Baptist Church and for their Lay Leader, Paul Brooks

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Jean Harris : Ian Bond : Doreen Clarke : Lance : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa : Bob English : Ewan Mander : Ben : Hazel Muskett

### RIP

- » John Fisher

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54;  
Philippians 2.1-11; Mark 9.30-37

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 17th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence

### TUESDAY 18th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club restarts in the church hall
- 8.00 pm Mothers' Union meets in the Breakspear Room

### WEDNESDAY 19th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### THURSDAY 20th

- 2.00 pm PO Rifles Service to commemorate the end of the 1st World War and their service & sacrifice

### FRIDAY 21st

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 12.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Winifred Gostick
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir restarts in the Breakspear Room

### SATURDAY 22nd

- 2.00 pm Church Fete in Bedmond Church

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23rd September 2018

- 8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 am Christening** of Henry Coakley in St Lawrence
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Course** in the Breakspear Room

## NOTICES

► You are welcome to stay for the **BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE** at 11.30 am this morning and you are welcome to come to the **POST OFFICE RIFLES SERVICE** at 2.00 pm on Thursday.

► The **YOUTH CLUB** restarts on Tuesday in the church hall at 7.00 pm.

► **ALTTA** has arranged the screening of a thought provoking film about the role that we can take to care for our planet, with examples from around the world where communities are caring for creation and providing scenes of hope. The film is called '**TOMORROW**' and poses the question 'What do you think tomorrow should look like?' It's on Thursday 20th September, 7.30pm at the Henderson Hub, tickets, £5 each, from the Eventbrite website or Mary Chabrel on 351281.

► The **TIN CHURCH FETE** is on Saturday 22nd September from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Tin Church, Bedmond. There will be refreshments, cream teas, homemade produce, raffle, tombola, books, handmade crafts, bric-a-brac and plants - if you can offer anything to sell please contact Wendy Ball or Janette Noonan. Car parking behind the Church and at Bedmond Village Hall.

► A **CONFIRMATION COURSE** starts on Sunday 23rd September (please note change of date) at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room - please speak to Peter if you would like to find out more, or just come along.

### ► HARVEST

*In the Tin Church* - Harvest Supper on Friday 5th October at 7.00 pm - please speak to Wendy Ball if you would like a ticket; Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October at 11.15 am.

*In St Lawrence* - Harvest Festival at 11.00 am (no 9.30 am service) on Sunday 14th October followed by Harvest Lunch - please sign the list in church. If you can help with harvest flowers on Saturday 13th October please sign the list in church.

**MESSY CHURCH** - Wednesday, 10th October, in the Methodist Church and hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm. They are always on the look out for more helpers - if you are ever free on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of the month please speak to Peter or to Wendy Meldrum to find out how you can help - or just turn up!

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for September - please take a copy (40p).

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** - the current desperate needs are pasta sauces, canned meat and canned fish; as well as all the usual - also toiletries; there is a box at the back of church.

► **RED BOX APPEAL** - please put your donations of sanitary wear in the 'red box' at the back of St Lawrence in support of young women in our local schools.

► If you would like to pay for (or arrange yourself) **A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** in memory of someone or in celebration of an event, please speak to the office about dates.

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

