

NOTICES

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - please take a pack if you haven't already had one. Read about this new way of planned giving and complete and send off the form. If you need help completing the form please contact the office.

► **ALL AGE AFRICAN EVENT** - Saturday 24th June at 5.00 pm in St Lawrence Church hall - this is to launch the 2018 Malawi Fundraising campaign. A fun evening for all the family with food and cocktails. Adults £10, children over 5 £3, family ticket £25 (2 adults & 2 children). See poster for more details. If you would like to donate to the **MALAWI 2018 APPEAL** please take a form and hand it to the office or visit: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► **ALBANTIDE CELEBRATIONS** at the Abbey - Saturday 24th June - a day out in St Albans for all the family, including worship and activities - see June Outlook for more details.

► **OPEN CHURCH SUNDAY** - Sunday 25th June when both churches will be open between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. All welcome.

► **TOM McLEAN** (son of the Abbots Langley Methodist Minister, the Revd Derek McLean) is to be made Deacon in Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 25th June; **JACK SHEPHERD** (grandson of Pam Shepherd and great nephew of Pauline Bryant) is to be made deacon in Liverpool Cathedral on the same day - please pray for them both.

► **THE GONDOLIERS** - Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society at Watford Palace Theatre - if you'd like to join a group going on Friday 7th July please sign the list.

► **TOY & PUZZLE FAIR** on Saturday 8th July - donations of good quality toys and puzzles to Jan Taylor (262565). Proceeds will go to the Friends.

► Empty **PLASTIC BOTTLES WITH LIDS** (squash or water) needed for the All Age African Event - please take to the Office.

► Extra **SIDESPEOPLE** are needed at the 8.00 am and 9.30 am services. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more.

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 1st July from 2.00 pm

Please sign the list in church to indicate what stall you can help with and also if you can make a cake; donations are needed for the Tombola - please pass them to Marcus Coultrup or the office.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for June. Please take copies.

► The vicar of St Mary's, Watford needs a **PA**, 12 hours a week; for more details contact jacky.stmaryswatford@gmail.com - closing date for applications 22nd June, interview 26th June.

► Trip to **BLenheim PALACE** on Wednesday 23rd August leaving St Lawrence at 9.30 am and returning at approx 6.00 pm - cost approx. £30 for palace and gardens (£27 for concessions) or £24 for gardens only (£22) - please sign the list.

► **THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME** at Milton Keynes Theatre on Tuesday 12th September - cost £40pp - please sign the list.

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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

18th June 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Reader: Sue Tomson

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler
Hymns: 9 - 219 - 235 - 464 - 39 - 532
Readers: Linda North and Andy Taylor
Intercessor: Peter Howarth
Anthem: Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert)

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 106 - 293 - 120 - 354
Reader: Nora Greeves

12.30 pm Christening of Charlotte Cripps

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Pray for a Growing Church

10.15 am Monday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

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

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone at our worship today especially to 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 sidesman 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.



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 standing order, as many others are, please contact Marcus Coultrup (334387).

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

Bibles are available in the book rack by the door where you entered.

COLLECT: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 19.2-8a Bible page 67

The idea that the gods lived on very high mountains was a widespread one in ancient times, but here the idea is more refined: God (YHWH to the Jews) does not live on Mt. Sinai but comes down upon it. God's permanent presence is represented by the pillar of cloud and fire that goes before the people, but Mount Sinai is the symbol of God's coming in imaginable power and glory. This is an attempt to describe an indescribable experience had by the people, not necessarily a historical record.

SECOND READING Romans 5.1-8 Bible page 151

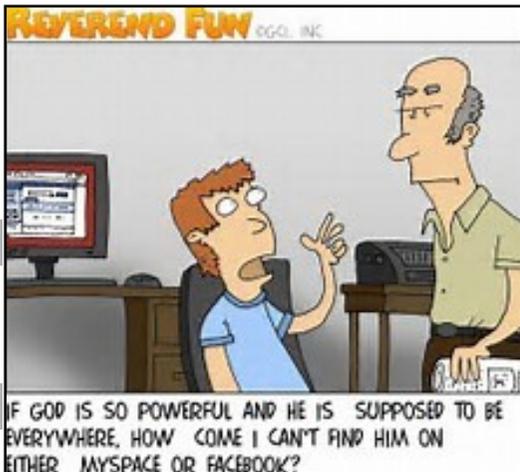
For Paul the key is suffering, both the suffering of Christ upon the cross and the individual Christian's suffering, which leads to glory (hope that 'does not disappoint us'). This emphasis on suffering will have been unusual and a surprise to many of the newly converted, since their religious world was not unlike that of our own times: feel-good philosophies and ways of avoiding the hard realities of a moral life. The confidence that the end of the road is glory was based on an awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Matthew 9.35-10.8 Bible page 9

The disciples are given the tasks of proclaiming the kingdom of God, and of healing and casting out spirits. In other words, they are to imitate the compassionate work of Jesus. These are exactly the things he has been doing. Unlike a genealogy, where the names indicate a pre-history, a list of followers indicates a 'post-history', i.e. the church. Peter is named first which may indicate his leadership. Judas last, in the least honourable place.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 20.7-13
Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39

AVAILABILITY

Peter - day off Friday

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS

» that God uses us to build his kingdom
» for the times when we are aware of God's presence

PRAY FOR

» all parts of the world where there is war or the threat of war
» Charlotte Cripps who is being christened today
» Tiny Tots and its leaders
» those who worship at St Paul's Church, Langleybury
» those who live in Jacketts Field (inc Shepherds Close), Jordans Close and Katherine Place

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

» Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Sonya : Hazel Muskett : Owen Nelson : Paul Goggins : Phyllis Ridgeway : Rob Sheppard

R.I.P.

» Margaret Plows (Gallows Hill Lane) : Lucie Shephard (Helen's mother-in-law) : Brian Bland (Nick's father) : Norman Bush (Pam Rastall's father) : Lydia Skoyles

The Anthem at 9.30 am:

Holy, holy, holy, God almighty, Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, everywhere adored!

1. God without beginning,
God, eternal One
reigns and rules forever
all beneath the sun.

Holy, holy, holy, God almighty, Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, everywhere adored!

2. Power and love and wonder
circling round God's throne,
praise our God most holy,
Lord of Life alone.

Schubert

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 19th

2.15 pm Tiny Tots meet in the Breakspear Room
7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 20th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
7.30 pm MU Midsummer Supper at Hunters Lodge, Hunton Bridge
8.00 pm Seekers meeting in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 21st

10.00 am Funeral of Margaret Plows at the Crematorium
10.15 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield

THURSDAY 22nd Alban, First Martyr of Britain, 250

FRIDAY 23rd Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, 678

10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
4.30 pm Wedding rehearsal
6.15 pm Youth Choir practice

SATURDAY 24th The Birth of John the Baptist Albantide

11.00 am Procession begins from St Peter's Church, St Albans
12.00 noon Festival Eucharist at St Albans Abbey
Preacher: The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester
2.00 pm Wedding Blessing in St Lawrence for Neil and Natasha Munday and Christening of Leonard Munday
4.00 pm Choral Evensong at St Albans Abbey
Preacher: The Very Revd Martyn Percy, Dean of Oxford
5.00 pm All Age African Event in St Lawrence Church hall

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

Open Church Sunday
25th June 2017

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President and Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell