

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

23rd June 2019

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### TODAY

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

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers  
and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher; The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 388 - 106 - 321 - 92 - 392 - 354  
Intercessor: Brian Hibberd

**11.15 am Holy Communion**  
in the Tin Church  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 388 - 106 - 321 - 354  
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

**12.45 pm Christening** for Callum Regan

**2.00 pm Christening** for Tori-Stevie Toms

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

**7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** in the Tin Church:  
The Creeds

### 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 Friday

**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.



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** (aged 3-10) start in church;

**Creche** in 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 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

Isaiah 65.1-9

Bible page 705

God's constant invitation was rejected by those who had turned to idolatry and occult practices. But God promises to root out unrighteousness and sin, and he promises blessing and an eternal inheritance to his chosen people.

### SECOND READING

Galatians 3.23-end

Bible page 186

The Law prepared us for salvation in Christ but now the Law has fulfilled its purpose. In baptism, we are made children of God, given by faith the relationship with God that Jesus had by nature. Our union with Christ in baptism makes irrelevant not only the difference between Jew and Gentile, but all human distinctions: all are one in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL

Luke 8.26-39

Bible page 65

The reaction of the people who witness Jesus' remarkable healing of the possessed man, Luke tells us, is fear. His power to work miracles and restore people to sanity, reason and wholeness is indeed awesome. Jesus shows how God longs to release those whose lives are oppressed, chaotic and disordered.

### 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.

### ANTHEM at 9.30 am

*Ave Verum - Byrd*

Ave, verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.

### A Prayer for Vanessa and Kate as they are ordained next weekend

*(from the Ordination Service)*

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants, Vanessa and Kate, grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.

May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,

who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.

May their life be disciplined and holy, their words declare your love and their actions reveal your glory, that your people may walk with them in the way of truth

and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour,

worship and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS

- » that all are one in Christ
- » for all God's promises
- » that in baptism we are made children of God

### PRAY FOR

- » those who don't treat others as equal and for those on the receiving end of any sort of prejudice
- » those whose lives are oppressed, chaotic or disordered
- » the clergy and people at St Albans Cathedral as they celebrate St Alban (Britain's first saint) and the opening of the new Welcome Centre
- » Vanessa Kerswill to be ordained priest next Saturday and for Kate Carter to be ordained deacon on Sunday, both in St Albans Cathedral; also for Isaac and Frank to be ordained priests in Malawi on Saturday
- » Callum Regan to be christened in St Lawrence today, and Tori-Stevie Toms to be christened in the Tin Church today
- » those who live in Hurricane Way, Hyde Lane, Ivy Close
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Stan Johnson : Ben : Paul Maxted

### RIP

- » Tom Howie (Breakspear Court) : Joyce Naylor : David Gallagher

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 30th June 2019

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche** in St Lawrence  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

**11.15 am Holy Communion** in the Tin Church  
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

**12.45 pm Christening** for Rachel Heard in St Lawrence

**6.30 pm Taize Service** in St Lawrence  
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

**7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** on The Creeds in the Tin Church

## THE COMING WEEK

### Monday 24th

- 1.30 pm Burial of Ashes of Desmond & Joyce Dear
- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringers practice in St Lawrence tower

### Tuesday 25th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Light Lunch followed by Pilgrim course on 'The Creeds' in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club meets in the church hall
- 7.00 for 7.30 pm MU Midsummer Supper at Hunters

### Wednesday 26th

- 10.30 am Carers Network meets in the Methodist hall
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion followed by light lunch in the Breakspear Room
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

### Friday 28th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church  
NO AHAL Coffee today
- 1.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice in the Breakspear Room

### Saturday 29th

- 4.00 pm Ordination of Priests in St Albans Cathedral and Ordination of Deacons on Sunday at 11.15 am

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday this week

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kings 19.15-18,19-end; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-end

## NOTICES

► **THANK YOU** to all those who helped at or supported the **St Lawrence Fete** yesterday - money raised for the three charities (New Hope, the Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy and AL Carers' Network) will be announced. And also to those who supported the **Open Garden** at the **Abbot's House** last Saturday when over £1,100 was raised for the Friends of St Lawrence.

► **PILGRIM COURSE on The Creed** - continues on Sunday evenings at 7.30 pm led by Peter in the Tin Church, and on Tuesdays at 1.00 pm led by Sally in the Breakspear Room. For those coming on Tuesdays there will be a light lunch from 12.30 pm. Books (£5 each) are available in the office.

► The Revd **VANESSA KERSWILL** is to be ordained priest in St Albans Cathedral next Saturday, 29th June, at 4.00 pm. Also, **KATE CARTER**, who did a placement with us, is to be ordained deacon on Sunday 30th June at 11.15 am in the Cathedral. They would both be delighted with your prayers, and you are, of course, welcome at either or both services. If you would like to give a donation towards a **gift for Vanessa** please hand it in to the office as soon as possible.

► **Peter and Lisa** are holding an **OPEN HOUSE AT 26 GREENWAYS** on Saturday 13th July between 2.30 and 5.00 pm. All welcome.

► **ABBOTS LANGLEY PLAYERS** presents "The Children" by Lucy Kirkwood – a gripping drama involving a post nuclear accident and retired physicists with a shared past. Performances at the Henderson Hub from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July at 8.00 pm, also Saturday at 3.00 pm. Tickets – 0844 804 5354.

► Patricia Hill is holding an **OPEN GARDEN** at Willowbank, 3 Kings Meadow, Kings Langley, on Sunday 21st July between 2.00 and 4.30 pm in aid of Prostate Cancer. Entry £5 to include tea and food.

► **PLANNED GIVING** - for those who are on planned giving please collect your **year-end thank you letter** from the pigeon holes at the back of church.

### MESSY CHURCH

Next one: **Wednesday 10th July**; theme: **'Join in Worshipping God'** - in the Methodist church and hall from 3.30 to 6.00 pm for all primary and younger aged children with their parents/carers: stories, activities and fun, finishing with supper.

► **THEATRE TRIP** - the Social Committee has booked tickets to see 'The Girl on the Train' at Wycombe Swan on Thursday 19th September leaving the lych gate at 5.45 pm. The cost is £42 per ticket to include the coach fare and driver gratuity. There are just a couple of seats left - please speak to the office if you would like to go.

► **GOOD NEIGHBOURS** are desperate for more **DRIVERS** to take villagers to local appointments - if you want to find out what sort of commitment is required, please speak to Linda North or Marcus Coultrup.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine) is on sale for June - copies are 50p each.

► The **RED BOX PROJECT** has ceased collecting sanitary items for school girls since the government took over the funding. Thank you to all who donated (the 'left overs' will go to the Food Bank).

► Notes for **MICAH 3** are available.

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