

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.

► **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.

► Congratulations to **ANNE & GEOFFREY FLANDERS** who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 24th August.

► **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.

► 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.

► **MALAWI 2018 FUND** - just over £1,174 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>

► **CREAM TEA** on Saturday 9th September between 2.00 and 4.00 pm in Bedmond Church. Proceeds will go towards the Kenya Project.

► **FLOWER ARRANGERS** needed no experience necessary - please contact Carole Borrowdale for more information.

► **CTAL SAFARI SUPPER** - Saturday 9th September beginning at the Baptist Church at 7.00 pm, tickets £10 each. Offers of making a **SHEPHERDS PIE** for the supper or for tickets please contact Nikki Williams.

► If you have any **LAVENDER** in your garden that Eve Durtnall could use to make lavender bags to sell for Malawi funds please let Eve or the office know. Eve also needs narrow lace for trimming the bags.

► Friends **CHINESE NIGHT** at the Aroma Kitchen, Katherine Place. Monday 11th September, 7 for 7.30 pm tickets £16.50 from Sue Coultrup 334387.

► The flower arrangement by the Remembrance Book has been sponsored in memory of **SHEILA SPOONER** who died 20th August 2014.

► Any old white cotton or polycotton **SHEETS or TABLECLOTHS** for backing wall hangings to take to Malawi to Wendy Meldrum please.

► If you have a **NEW NEIGHBOUR**, why not knock on the door and welcome them with a copy of *Outlook*.

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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

20th August 2017

THE TENTH 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 Angela Milton
Hymns: 15 - 466 - 295 - 334 - 231 - 380
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
Hymns: 175 - 17 - 139 - 380
Reader: Chris Ballard

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

5.00 pm Malawi Meeting in the Church Hall

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: Sally Sanderson

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/ coffee 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: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 56.1,6-8 Bible page 696
Although God chose Abraham and Sarah to found a new people who would be recipients of his revelation, he never intended that this revelation should be kept just for his people. His intention was that the people of Israel should be mediators of the revelation to the rest of the world. Time and again we see in the prophets the sort of reminder to the Israelites that we see here in Isaiah, that they should welcome the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord. That is the key element for the foreigners and for the Israelites themselves. Not how well they keep the law or who their ancestors were, but how much they love God.

SECOND READING Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Bible page 156
This passage can be read as though it were an invitation to disobedience in order that God might be able to show his mercy towards us. In a similar passage where Paul is talking about forgiveness of sin, he puts this very argument and answers it by saying "By no means!" Far from being an invitation to disobedience, it is an assurance of God's ability and willingness to redeem us when we have gone wrong and an opportunity for us to experience that redemption. We inevitably disobey God as we explore our relationship to him and discover who we are as individuals, but he is always there, waiting for us to acknowledge our mistakes and let him forgive us.

GOSPEL Matthew 15.21-28 Bible page 16
Here Jesus appears to contradict what I said about the passage in Isaiah, by saying that he has come to reveal God to the Israelites, not the Gentiles. Yet, as the conversation with the Canaanite woman develops, it emerges that Jesus' real priority is that all humanity should come to love God. Coming to the Israelites first, who might be expected to recognise this latest revelation from the Father, is simply the strategy to achieve the ultimate aim. Numerous times in the Gospels the Gentiles are shown to be ahead of the Jews in their hunger for God and recognition of his Son and Jesus always recognises their faith.

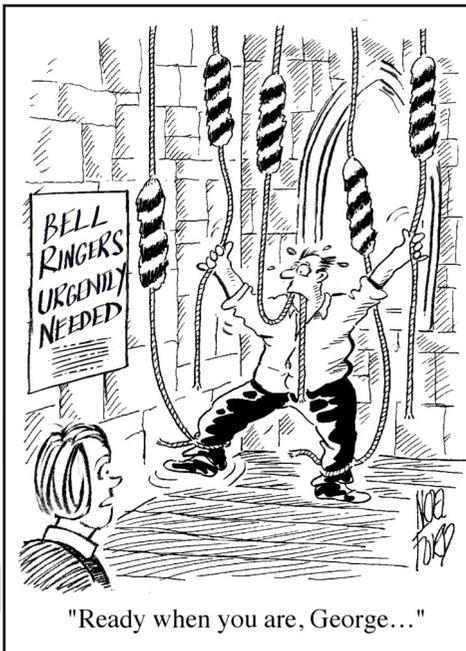
POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 55.1-5
Romans 9.1-5
Matthew 14.13-21

AVAILABILITY

Peter's away till 24th August



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

» the witness of the Jews to the revelation of God to the nations through the ages

PRAY FOR

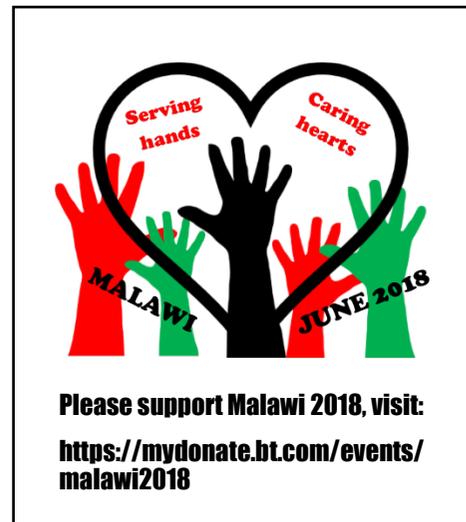
» the desire to love God more than to be right or respectable or liked
» James and Sally Murdock; Benjamin and Annabelle Roberts who celebrate their First Wedding Anniversary
» those receiving GCSE results this week
» those who worship at The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond
» those who live in Mitchell Close, Newlands Mobiles Home Park and Nightingale Close

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

» Ian Hampton (Brenda Southorn's brother) : Steve Stuart : Brenda Murphy : Ewan Mander (Pat Tuck's cousin) : Hazel Muskett : Graham Drage : Sonya : Maureen Chester and her husband Stan : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

R.I.P.

» Mary Littler (Lancaster Court) : Joan Robertson



THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 21st

7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 22nd

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
8.00 pm Property Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 23rd

10.15 am Holy Communion
8.00 pm Housegroup at 60 Abbots Road

THURSDAY 24th Bartholomew the Apostle
8.00 pm Housegroup at 6 Kindersley Way

FRIDAY 25th

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
6.00 pm Wedding rehearsal
7.00 pm Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY 26th

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party at Bedmond
11.00 am Bell Toll for World War I Soldier - George David East
12.00 noon Wedding of Stuart Morgan and Katarina Santos-Brazell
2.00 pm Wedding of Jamie Ritchie and Ania Fraser

NEXT SUNDAY

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 27th August 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
11.30 am Christening for Connor Hedges
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell