

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

25th August 2019

THE TENTH 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: 567 - 133 - 304 - 437 - 345 - 310

Readers: Phill Higgs and Jan Taylor

Intercessor: Nikki Williams

*No 11.15 at Bedmond*

### 6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell

## 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 (not second Sunday);

**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.



## 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

### Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

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:** Let your merciful ear, 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 58.9b-end

Bible page 699

This is part of a passage in which God warns Israel against a faith that composed merely of the outward signs of religion without a living core. A true faith, one that is alive to God, will show itself in action: in the offering of food to the hungry and in helping those in need. God does not want empty gestures: love for him must overflow into love for his people.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.18-end

Bible page 224

Probably written to a group of Jewish Christians, the letter to the Hebrews draws many contrasts between the old and new covenants. Here, the author contrasts the glory of the giving of the law to Moses, with the infinitely greater glory of the heavenly city that is ours through faith in Christ. Yet a note of caution is also sounded: one day the world as we know it will cease to exist – will we be found to have put God first when this happens?

## GOSPEL

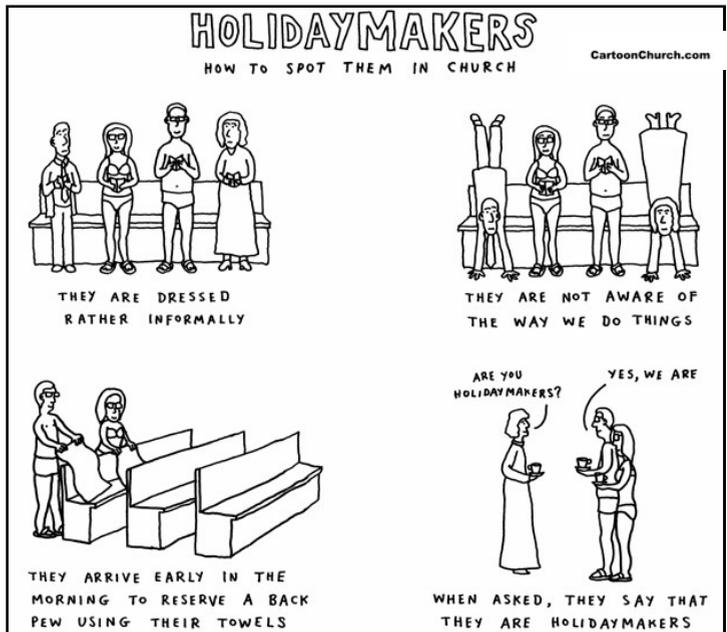
Luke 13.10-17

Bible page 73

Jesus' healing of the woman in this story contravened Old Testament law, which taught that no work could be done on the Sabbath. He was therefore rebuked by the leader of the synagogue. Yet Jesus' answer shows that grace cannot be contained by law, and that a lively faith is not held in thrall to the letter of the law. The very person who rebuked Jesus is guilty of breaking the strict letter of the law. But the law was given as a means to a fuller life – which Jesus gives the woman through healing her.

## 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.



## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

» that Jesus has come to set the captives free

### PRAY

- » that hearts that will be obedient to the spirit of God's law
- » for courage to challenge dead legalism and to bring life and joy into the world
- » for all those who have recently received examination results and are now planning their futures
- » for those on holiday
- » for those who live in Newlands Mobile Home Park; Nightingale Close; Oak Green
- » for those who worship at St Paul's and for their Vicar, the Revd James Webster

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Edward Harrison : Annie Rycroft :  
Stan Johnson : Ben : Paul Maxted :  
Mark, Wendy, Tristan and James

### RIP

- » Fred Simons ('Frank') : Madeline Green :  
Gerda Dennett : Jennifer Evans

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 1st September 2019

**8.00 am Holy Communion** in St Lawrence  
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**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

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

**12.45 pm Christening** for Jake Hewett

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

**6.30 pm Youth Group without a name**  
meets in the Breakspear Room

## THE COMING WEEK

*Church Office will be closed all week*

### Monday 26th

*Bank Holiday*

### Tuesday 27th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the  
Breakspear Room
- 12.15 pm Funeral for Maddie Green in  
St Lawrence followed by burial
- 2.00 pm Burial of Ashes of Margaret Williams

### Wednesday 28th

- 10.30 am Carers' Network meets in the  
Methodist hall
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion in St Lawrence  
followed by light lunch in the  
Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Wednesday housegroup meets

### Thursday 29th

- 8.00 pm Housegroup meets at  
6 Kindersley Way

### Friday 30th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson  
Hub, Abbots Langley High St
- 2.00 pm Ascension Acorns in the Tin Church
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the  
Breakspear Room

## AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Proverbs 25.6,7; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16;  
Luke 14.1,7-14

## NOTICES

► **STONEMWORK APPEAL** - we made it, we reached our target of £25,000! **Thank you to those who have responded** - but it you haven't done so yet, it's not too late - donations still accepted!

► **LUCY FARQUHARSON** has been appointed as Parish Administrator to start on Tuesday 3rd September so the Office will be closed from 27th to 30th August & on 2nd September.

► The **FLOWERS** in the memorial arrangement this weekend are in memory of Keith Herrington.

► The **HOME GROUP** which meets on first Thursday of each month will be looking at a character study of Joseph using the *Lifebuilder* series. The first session is on Thursday 5th September in the Breakspear Room at 8.00 pm. New members welcome. Speak to Jane McHugh to find out more.

► The **TIN CHURCH FETE** is on Saturday 14th September at 2.00 pm in the church. Donations of raffle and tombola prizes and plants all gratefully received in advance

► The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust **SPONSORED BIKE 'N' HIKE** - Saturday 14th September - between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm have fun visiting as many of the 600 churches and chapels taking part, raise funds for St Lawrence or the Tin Church and help save other churches in Beds and Herts - details are on the table at the back of both churches. St Lawrence received a grant from the Trust for the stonework - you might want to think about giving some back.

► The next event for the **Friends of St Lawrence** is Monday 16th September - the annual **CHINESE MEAL** at Aroma Kitchen, Katherine Place, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. For tickets (£16.50 pp) please contact Sue Coultrup on 334387.

**MESSY CHURCH** - the next one will be on Wednesday 11th September 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!

## MALAWI FUN DAY

treasure hunt, face painting, bouncy castle, games

**Saturday 7th September**

tickets available from Wendy (267383)  
**£10 each; £3 for children; £20 family**  
(to include a barbecue)

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**GIG** by Watford band **STRATOSFRERE**  
in the Henderson Hub on

Saturday 21st September, 7.00 for 7.30 pm  
Tickets £12.50 from Wendy (267383)

► **Joyful Noise - PRAISE AND CAKE** - on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30 pm in the Tin Church - an evening of praise and reflection based on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus, followed by lots of cake, tea and coffee - **all welcome**. Admission by donation (£3.50 minimum) for the Malawi Project.

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

► **WATFORD FOOD BANK** (box in back of church) requires tinned meat and fruit; pasta sauces and biscuits. The **RICKY FOOD BANK** (via the church office - not this week) requires toiletries and coffee.

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

