

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM GROUP** beginning on Sunday 10th September at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room. An opportunity to explore the basics about faith and and if it is for you at all.

► **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. If you still have the token from your pack please bring it to church so it can be used by those who like to put something in the collection bag as it passes along.

► **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>

► **BIKE & HIKE** on Saturday 9th September - both churches will be open this day. If you take part and get sponsored 50% of the money will be go towards Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust and the other half to St Lawrence. Visit www.bedshertshct.org.uk/bikenhike

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

► **Abbots Langley Gardening Society AUTUMN SHOW** on Saturday 9th September in the Community Centre from 2.30 to 5.00 pm. If you want to enter visit www.algs.org.uk for details.

► **OUTLOOK** (church magazine - 40p) is available for September. Please take copies. If you know of anyone who would be interested in advertising - please let the office know.

► **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.

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

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

► Donations needed please for **BEDMOND FETE** on Saturday 16th September of Bric-a-brac, books and raffle/tombola to Wendy Ball (269906).

► The **CONTAINER** has arrived in Malawi and the people of Malosa have received the items we sent.

► 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.

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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

27th August 2017

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Reader: Pam Haggith

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche

President & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

Hymns: 567 - 133 - 304 - 437 - 345 - 188

Intercessor: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

11.30 am Christening for Connor Hedges

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Leader: The Revd Dr 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 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 Tuesday to Friday

Evening Prayer

5.15 pm Tuesday 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.*

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www.abbotslangley.org.uk

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

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

COLLECT: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 55.1-5

Bible page 696

This is right at the end of the second part of Isaiah, written by a different person from the first part, while Israel was in exile in Babylon. Some of the imagery of this reading appears to echo imagery used by Jesus in the Gospels, although actually Jesus was echoing Isaiah. It was not thought by the Jews that the person talked about in Second Isaiah might be the Messiah, but Jesus constantly referred to Isaiah's prophecies when talking about himself fulfilling Scripture.

SECOND READING

Romans 9.1-5

Bible page 154

The letter to the Romans was written to both Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome. Here Paul makes the case for Jews to acknowledge Christ as the Messiah with great force and simplicity, witnessing to his own conviction of who Christ was out of his profound knowledge of the history and religion of the Jews. He finishes, as always, with praise to God for his gift of Christ our Saviour.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14.13-21

Bible page 15

Jesus had just heard about the death of his cousin John the Baptist at Herod's hands. Yet the demands of the people for healing and teaching were so great that they would not leave him to grieve quietly. Jesus' compassion was so great that he set aside his own needs to meet theirs. The miracle of feeding the crowd shows us what can be achieved when we offer what small resources we have to God for his use.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 15.15-21
Romans 12.9-end
Matthew 16.21-end

AVAILABILITY

Peter's - day off Thursday 31st August



FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

» the wonderful stories of the Bible about God and his people

PRAY FOR

- » interfaith relations, especially between Muslims and Hindus in India and between Christians, Muslims and Jews elsewhere
- » the work of psychiatrists, psychotherapists, counsellors and social workers
- » countries suffering from political oppression, war, famine, poverty, disease or natural disaster
- » Stuart and Katarina Morgan; Jamie and Ania Ritchie who were married here yesterday
- » Connor Hedges who will be christened today
- » those who worship at The Methodist Church
- » those who live in Oak Green (inc Tannerswood Court), Oak Green Way and Oak Tree Close

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Ian Hampton : Brenda Murphy : Ewan Mander : Hazel Muskett : Sonya : Graham Drage : Elizabeth Simmons : Maureen Chester and her husband Stan : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

R.I.P.

- » Andrew Dixon (Stewart Close) : Jan Francis (friend of Jenny Sanders) : Mary Littler : Joan Robertson

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 28th Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 29th The Beheading of John the Baptist
10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House

WEDNESDAY 30th John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

10.15 am Holy Communion

THURSDAY 31st Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

FRIDAY 1st

10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub
12.20 pm Funeral of Mary Littler at the Crematorium
2.00 pm Burial of the Ashes of Rose Constable
2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room

SATURDAY 2nd

9.30 am Churchyard Working Party
11.30 am Baptism Preparation meeting in the Church hall

NEXT SUNDAY

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 3rd September 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 Guy Buckler

11.00 am Holy Communion followed by Congregational meeting
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell