

NOTICES

► **PILGRIM COURSE** beginning on Sunday 10th September at 7.30 pm, an opportunity to explore the basics about faith and and if it is for you at all. **OPEN BIBLE SESSION** beginning Tuesday 12th September at 12.30 pm, get to know the bible better. Both will be held in the Breakspear Room.

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - many people have already signed up to this. 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.

► **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.

► **CTAL SAFARI SUPPER** - Saturday 9th September beginning at the Baptist Church at 7.00 pm, tickets £10 each. For tickets please contact Nikki Williams.

► If you have any **LAVENDER** in your garden that Eve Durnall 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.

► **TINY TOTS** restarts after the summer break on Monday 11th September at 2.15 pm in the Breakspear Room - all pre-school aged children and their parent/carers welcome.



MALAWI

An update concerning the **CONTAINER** - it has arrived in Malawi and the people of Malosa have received the items we sent.

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

Five members of the Malawi Team are entering the **TOUGH TEN** on 10th October - there is a joint sponsor form on the table if you would like to support them.

MALAWI 2018 FUND - just over £1,346.50 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>

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

► The **FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** by the Remembrance Book has been sponsored in memory of Keith Herrington who died

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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

3rd September 2017

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Reader: Dennis Spooner

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 9 - 242 - 426 - 39 - 73 - 380
Readers: Bill Sanderson and Brenda Southorn
Intercessor: Brenda Southorn

11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
followed by congregational meeting
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: 9 - 242 - 426 - 380
Reader: Linda Ball

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

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 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.



*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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Jeremiah 15.15-21 Bible page 728

In this section of poetry, Jeremiah is bewailing his lot in direct communication with God. He has reluctantly taken on the role of prophet of doom to Israel with the usual result that he has become isolated from his people and made enemies who have persecuted him. His human response is to ask God for vengeance upon them. But God rebukes him for his vengeful impulse and his moaning and complaining, promising that the people will eventually turn to him as the mouthpiece of God and that he, God, is still with him.

SECOND READING Romans 12.9-end Bible page 158

This is one of the most challenging messages of Paul, echoing Christ's injunction to love our enemies. The reading starts off quite comfortably with instruction about how to live within the Christian community and we can usually nod our heads to the fact that we are quite good at showing mutual affection, careful not to exclude anyone, extend hospitality at the drop of a hat. The message gets tougher when Paul then expands the message to include not only Christians and strangers, but also enemies. If we take revenge on our enemies, we increase the amount of violence in the world and in our own hearts but if we love them, we increase the amount of love. It is not about justice, but about love.

GOSPEL Matthew 16.21-end Bible page 17

Jesus continues his theme of ultimate glory for his disciples following on a period of great trial and suffering. He knows that his own suffering will be immense, leading to an agonising and humiliating death. The disciples still cannot understand how this reversal of the usual values will lead to glory or be about life, yet instinctively they stick to Jesus and his teaching. Something about the life they lead with him gives them deeper joy and satisfaction, despite the difficulties, than their former lives of respectability and prosperity. Difficult though it is when we cannot articulate to friends and neighbours why we believe, our confused loyalty is its own reward.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 33.7-11
Romans 13.8-end
Matthew 18.15-20

AVAILABILITY

Peter's - day off Monday 4th August

Faith

It does not make things easy,
it makes them possible.

Luke 1.37

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » Christ being willing to suffer and die rather than seek earthly justice and power
- » the loyalty of Christians down the ages to Christ and the Church
- » our own blessings
- » Peter's first year of ministry with us and pray for Peter, Lisa, Sam and Ben

PRAY FOR

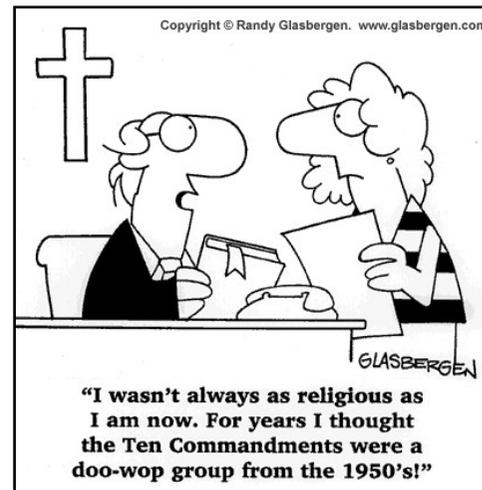
- » the ability to love our enemies
- » the peoples of Palestine & Israel; Libya, Syria, Iraq and Ukraine
- » the start of the new academic year
- » those who worship at St Lawrence Church
- » those who live in Old Forge Close, Old Mill Road and Oriole Close

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.

- » John Pragnell priest (Chaplain, Leavesden and Abbots Langley Hospital 1975 - 1988) :
- Andrew Dixon : Jan Francis : Mary Littler



THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 4th

7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

TUESDAY 5th

10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
12.00 noon Burial of the Ashes of Beryl Seward
8.00 pm Finance and Fundraising Committee meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 6th

10.00 am Bedmond Coffee Morning
10.15 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Wedding rehearsal
7.45 pm Choir practice restarts

THURSDAY 7th

8.00 pm PCC meets in the Breakspear Room

FRIDAY 8th

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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
6.15 pm Youth Choir restarts

SATURDAY 9th

10.00 am Bike 'n' Hike - both churches open
2-4.00 pm Cream Tea in Bedmond Church
2.00 pm Wedding of Jake Forrest and Phoebe Willmore
7.00 pm CTAL Safari Supper begins at the Baptist Church

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10th September 2017

8.00 am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
9.30 am All Age Communion Service
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12.30 pm Christening for Isabelle Wetton
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
7.30 pm Faith Development in the Breakspear Room