

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

8th September 2019

THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Guy Buckler

Reader: Sue Tomson

9.30 am Second Sunday Communion Service

in St Lawrence

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond

President & Preacher: The Revd Jos Perris

Hymns:

Reader: Anne Goldsmith

12.45 pm Christening for Connie Hampson

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

Leader: Sally Sanderson



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion said in St Lawrence

12.00 noon Wednesday

Morning Prayer said in St Lawrence

9.0 am Monday to Friday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.15 am Wednesday

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.



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: 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 Deuteronomy 30. 15-end Bible page 193

The end of Moses' third address to the Israelites on the threshold of the Promised Land sets before the people the final choice of life or death, obedience or idolatry. Heaven and earth are called to witness that the choice has been given to Israel, and indeed it is the choice before all – the everlasting choice.

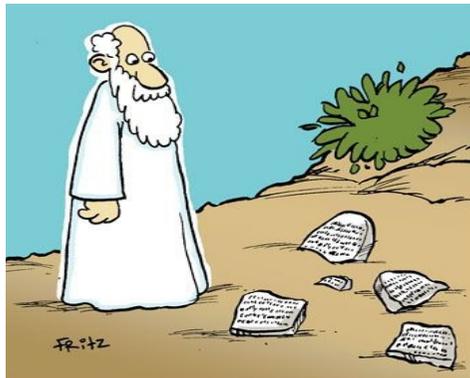
SECOND READING Philemon vv.1-21 Bible page 214

The Letter to Philemon, a resident of Colossae in Phrygia, is a model of Christian tactfulness, seeking to bring reconciliation between Onesimus, the runaway slave whom Paul had befriended, and his master, whom Paul had converted but who according to Roman law still had absolute authority over the life and person of his slave.

GOSPEL Luke 14.25-33 Bible page 74

The Messianic feast lies beyond the death of the Messiah, and though Christ has invited all, the invitation nevertheless involves following him through suffering. To the crowds who were accompanying him on the road to the Cross, Jesus explains that a commitment to discipleship involves counting the cost, both in terms of the sacrifice of earthly ties, possessions, and life itself.

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.



AFTER CALMING DOWN, MOSES WISHED HE HAD BACKED UP HIS DATA.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's offer of a different set of values and eternal life in his presence

PRAY FOR

- » a real commitment to the living Lord
- » for those who live in Oriole Close; Parnell Close; Parsonage Close
- » for Connie Hampson to be christened today
- » for the YMCA Chaplaincy based at Woodlands

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Edward Harrison : Annie Rycroft : Ben : Mark, Wendy, Tristan and James

RIP

- » Fred Simons ('Frank')
- » Alvin Hardemon
- » Colin Bull
- » Stan Johnson

NEXT SUNDAY

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 15th September 2019

8.00 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President: The Revd Peter Waddell
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

11.15 am Holy Communion
in the Tin Church
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd

11.30 am Battle of Britain Service in
St Lawrence

12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club in the hall

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

7.30 pm Discussion on 'Sexuality' in the
Tin Church

THE COMING WEEK

Monday 9th

- 2.15 pm Tiny Tots in the Breakspear Room
- 7.30 pm Ringing practice in St Lawrence

Tuesday 10th

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

Wednesday 11th

- 11.00 am Mothers' Union in the Breakspear Room
- 11.15 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion including Corporate Communion for the MU in St Lawrence followed by light lunch in the Breakspear Room
- 3.30 pm Messy Church in the Methodist Church
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

Thursday 12th

- 10.30 am Home Communion in Hanover Gardens

Friday 13th

- 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
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir practice restarts in the Breakspear Room

Saturday 14th

- 2.00-4.00 pm Fete at the Tin Church



AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 32.7-14; I Timothy 1.12-17;
Luke 15.1-10

NOTICES

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ On Sunday 15th September at 7.30 pm in the Tin Church there will be a **DISCUSSION** Christian approaches to homosexuality - see Peter's article on 'Sexuality' in this month's *Outlook*.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ **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.

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

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)

- ▶ **THE NAMELESS YOUTH** today (Sunday) in Breakspear Room, all secondary students welcome
- ▶ **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) 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.

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