

## NOTICES

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

► **HURRICANE IRMA URGENT APPEAL** - there will be a special collection today - if you wish to give to the diocese for the rebuilding of churches, vicarages and grants to parishioners who have been injured, please place in the red buckets (using gift-aid envelopes where applicable).

► **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.

► 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.

► **LEAVESDEN HOSPITALS HISTORY WALK** on Saturday 23rd September leaving Woodlands YMCA at 12.00 noon to tour the grounds, visit some of the remaining buildings and hear about the history of the hospitals 1868 - 1994. All welcome, no prebooking required and no fee.

► **ABBOTS APPLE FEST** Saturday 23rd September from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on School Mead - fun for all the family.

► **TINY TOTS** on Mondays during term-time at 2.15 pm in the Breakspear Room - all pre-school aged children and their parent/carers welcome.

► **NEW HOPE COMMUNITY MARKET GARDEN OPEN DAY** - Saturday 30th September, 10.30 am to 3.00 pm. Light refreshments, children's craft activities and a programme of events throughout the day. Visit [www.newhope.org.uk](http://www.newhope.org.uk) for more details.

► The **REMEMBRANCE VASE** this week has been sponsored in memory of Peggy Spriggett.

► Thank you to everyone who came to the **CREAM TEA**. Nearly £300 was raised for the Kenya Project which is enough to buy beans and maize to feed the whole school for a whole year.

► Abbots Langley Gilbert and Sullivan Society present **TELL ME ON A SUNDAY**, starring Emma Stratton (and other soloists in Act 1) on Sunday 1st October. Two shows only, 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm at the Henderson Hub. To book call 07502 426721 or visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/algss](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/algss).



### MALAWI

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 £1,402.75 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>

► **HARVEST LUNCH** at St Lawrence following the Harvest Festival at 11.00 am on Sunday 8th October - please sign the list in church (note change of service time, please).



► The Friends' Chinese Evening last Monday was well attended and a net profit of £280 was raised - **THANK YOU** to all those who supported this event.

► **"BACK TO THE FRONT" GREAT WAR PROJECT** needs help in organising a programme of events in 2018 to commemorate men and women from the local area who served in the war, and those who did not return. Contact [backtothefront@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:backtothefront@hotmail.co.uk) or 677507 for further details or see poster in the porch.

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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

17th September 2017

### THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Reader: Sue Tomson

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**

President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Hymns: 212 - 90 - 321 - 295 - 32 - 354  
Readers: Claire Stephenson and Helen Shepherd  
Intercessions: Bill Sanderson

**11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Reader: Nora Greeves

**12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club**

**12.30 pm Christening** for Reggie and  
Ralph Grant

**6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell

**7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** in the  
Breakspear Room

### 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 God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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** Genesis 50.15-21 Bible page 49

Thanks to Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice, most of us are familiar with the story of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Reconciliation was later effected, in large part because of Joseph's desire to see his father Jacob again. With Jacob now dead, the brothers worry about their position: will Joseph now have his revenge? Asking for his mercy, they find their fears were in vain: Joseph has forgiven them, and will not hold their former actions against them.

**SECOND READING** Romans 14.1-12 Bible page 158

There are some matters of conscience over which Christians disagree (Paul cites the eating of meat that has been sacrificed to idols and the keeping of Jewish holy days) which are of secondary importance to the faith and on which agreement shouldn't be forced. All is to be done in love: we should avoid such an action if it offends a fellow Christian.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 18.21-35 Bible page 19

When Jesus replies to Peter that we are to forgive seventy-seven times (the word can mean either 77 or 70x7) he is not telling us to count up the number of times we forgive someone – as if we can warn them they're on their last chance. Using such a number is designed to tell us that we shouldn't count the number of times we forgive: we should simply get used to being forgiving, because God's forgiveness is generous and limitless. We are to be forgiving, because we have been forgiven much. Our acceptance of God's forgiveness is hollow if we do not find ourselves changed by it, and ready to be forgiving to others.

### POST COMMUNION

**PRAYER:** Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer for those affected by Hurricane Irma

Gracious and loving God,  
We hold before you  
all those in the path of Hurricane Irma,  
In particular, Bishop Errol and our link Diocese  
of North-East Caribbean and Aruba.  
We pray for the bereaved, the injured  
and the many displaced from their homes;  
for all who are fearful and distressed;  
for congregations whose churches have been  
damaged or destroyed;  
and for all who seek to bring relief.  
Open our hearts with compassion and generosity  
to the needs of our brothers and sisters.  
And may we and all your people know that you are  
always with us at all times in stillness and in storm.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Jonah 3.10-end of 4  
Philippians 1.21-end  
Matthew 20.1-16

### AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off - Thursday 21st

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » God's unconditional love and his forgiveness
- » all involved in mediation and reconciliation

### PRAY FOR

- » those you find it difficult to forgive
- » charity between those who disagree in the church, and between different faiths
- » those affected by Hurricane Irma
- » Matthew and Hailey Tanner; Stuart and Louise MacKenzie who celebrate their First Wedding Anniversary
- » Reggie and Ralph Grant who will be christened today
- » those who worship at St Saviour's Church
- » those who live in Popes Road, Pryor Close and Queens Drive

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

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

### R.I.P.

- » Rosemary Robinson (ex Abbots Road) : Andrew Dixon

### Anthem

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need,  
Giving me rest in green and pleasant fields.  
Reviving my soul by finding fresh water,  
Guiding my ways with a shepherd's care.

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need.  
Though I should walk in death's dark valley,  
I fear no evil with you by my side,  
Your shepherd's staff to comfort me

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need  
You spread my table in spite of my foes,  
Anoint my head, my cup runs over;  
You tend me with love always loyal  
I dwell with the Lord as long as I live.

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need.

Harrison Oxley 1933-2009.  
Cathedral Organist at Bury St Edmunds.

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 18th

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

### TUESDAY 19th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 12.30 pm Open Bible Session in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Mothers' Union meets in the Breakspear Room

**WEDNESDAY 20th** John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

### 10.15 am Holy Communion

- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice
- 8.00 pm Social Committee meets at 7 Fernhills

**THURSDAY 21st Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

### FRIDAY 22nd

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 2.15 pm Funeral of Andrew Dixon in St Lawrence followed by Cremation
- 8.00 pm Wedding rehearsal

### SATURDAY 23rd

- 2.00 pm Wedding of Jamie Impey and Terri-Louise Carlisle

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

24th September 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**  
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** in the Breakspear Room