

# THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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

24th September 2017

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### TODAY

**8.00 am Holy Communion** (Prayer Book)  
President & Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd  
Reader: Pam Haggith

**9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**  
President: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell  
Preacher: The Revd Brian Hibberd  
Hymns: 46 - 334 - 226 - 148 - 463 - 33  
Readers: Sally Sanderson and Richard Baldwin  
Intercessions: Sally Sanderson

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

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

### 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 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

*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:** God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

Bible page 876

Unfortunately, the book of Jonah has become known mainly for the starring role of the big fish. But it is a story with a big point to make: namely that God's love is infinitely wider than any sectarian or religious attitudes that would try to limit God to one particular people. Here, at the end of the story, we are left with a question: will we, like Jonah, be more severe than God? Or will we rejoice when a new person turns to him in repentance?

### SECOND READING

Philippians 1.21-end

Bible page 194

Paul wrote to the church in Philippi from prison, and given the seriousness of the charges against him, it is understandable that death was on his mind. He weighs up the advantages of life and death: for him, living is all about making Christ known and growing in his likeness, a process which will be completed in death, when we will know Christ fully. So death is not something to be feared, although here Paul commits himself to a continued ministry of evangelism and support.

### GOSPEL

Matthew 20.1-16

Bible page 20

This is a parable which asks uncomfortable questions about our ideas of justice and shows the futility of trying to apply our human standards to God. The owner of the vineyard was fair to those who had worked the longest; he chose to be generous to those who had worked only a short while. If we start thinking of the gifts God gives us as a right (as the first group did), we have lost sight of something important: grace isn't something we earn by hours of service, but a gift God freely gives.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *A prayer for those caught up in recent hurricanes and earthquakes:*

O Lord our God,  
source of all goodness and love,  
accept the fervent prayers of your people;  
in the multitude of your mercies  
look with compassion  
upon all who turn to you for help;  
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,  
and to you we give glory,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-end

Philippians 2.1-13

Matthew 21.23-32

### AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off - Thursday

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### GIVE THANKS FOR

- » the wideness of God's love
- » God's generosity

### PRAY FOR

- » those who do not know Christ
- » those affected by the hurricanes in the Caribbean and central America
- » the people of Mexico following the earthquakes
- » Jamie & Terri-Louise Impey who married here yesterday
- » Chike and Brute Ejiasi as they celebrate their First Wedding Anniversary
- » Churches Together in Abbots Langley
- » those who live in Raymond Close, Redwing Grove, Ridgehurst Avenue

### THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Leslie Durnall (Eve's daughter-in-law)
- Brenda Murphy : Ben : Ian Hampton :
- Elizabeth Simmons : Ewan Mander :
- Sonya : Hazel Muskett :
- Maureen Chester and her husband Stan :
- Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry

### R.I.P.

- » Ann Caple (Mallard Road) :
- Pauline Wadl (Methodist Church member) :
- Rosemary Robinson : Andrew Dixon

## THE COMING WEEK

### MONDAY 25th

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

### TUESDAY 26th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 10.30 am Home Communion at Margaret House
- 12.00 noon Bell toll for WWI soldier Robert Coxhill
- 12.30 pm Funeral of Rosemary Robinson in St Lawrence followed by cremation

### WEDNESDAY 27th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion**
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 7.45 pm Choir practice
- 8.00 pm Seekers leaders meeting in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Bereavement Visitors meet in the Methodist small hall

### FRIDAY 29th

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Big Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care in the Henderson Hub
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir - *Sing for your Supper* recruitment evening
- 8.00 pm Wedding rehearsal

### SATURDAY 30th

- 11.00 am Burial of Ashes of Joan Robertson

## NEXT SUNDAY

### THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 1st October 2017

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche**  
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- 11.00 am Holy Communion at Bedmond**  
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- 12.30 pm Christening** for  
Emmerline Khonje-Haggith
- 12.30 pm Sunday Lunch Club** in the hall
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer**  
Leader: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Pilgrim Course** in the Breakspear Room

### *Anthem at 9.30 am today:*

Comfort, O Lord,  
the soul of thy servant.  
For unto thee do I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86:4

*from the Anthem:  
'Be merciful unto me'  
by William Crotch (1775-1847)  
Organist, composer  
and artist from Norwich*

## NOTICES



► The **PILGRIM COURSE** continues this evening (week 3, but not too late to join) at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room; an opportunity to explore the basics of faith.

► **HURRICANE IRMA APPEAL** - over £600 (including gift aid) was raised over the last two Sundays - thank you very much - this will be sent via the Diocese of St Albans to the Diocese of North East Caribbean and Aruba.

► **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** - over half have moved their planned giving over and new people have signed up; if you are still unsure please speak to Marcus or Peter.

► An application has been made for a **FACULTY** to place a memorial stone on the wall of the Breakspear Room to acknowledge **Liz Hill's** generosity to St Lawrence - a notice is displayed on the porch door.

► **MALAWI** - Eve Durtnall says many thanks for the **lavender** - she is making lavender bags to sell for Malawi funds; if you have some in your garden she could use, please cut it in bunches so she doesn't have to sort it through! Five members of the Malawi team are running in the **Tough Ten** on Sunday 1st October to raise funds for project work in Malawi and for the Tough Ten charities - please sponsor them on the sheet in church or via <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/malawi2018>

► New Hope **COMMUNITY MARKET GARDEN OPEN DAY** on 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)

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

► A practical art workshop exploring the theme of **APPLES IN ART** through a variety of mediums is to be held in the "Tin Church" on Thursday 5th October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Refreshments and materials included. For further details contact Susan Cooke on: 07962 868028 or email: [mscooke044@btinternet.com](mailto:mscooke044@btinternet.com)

► **OUTLOOK** for October is available - if you don't subscribe please take a copy (40p).

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

### at St Lawrence

on **Sunday 8th October at 11.00 am** (please note change of time; no 9.30 service) followed by a **harvest lunch** in the hall - please sign the list in church if you would like to stay for lunch - £5 per person or £15 for a family - payable on the day.

### at Bedmond

on **Sunday 15th October at 11.00 am** preceded by a **harvest supper** on Saturday 14th October - please speak to Wendy Ball if you would like to go - places are limited.

► The **FLOWER ARRANGERS** are looking for harvest related items such as milk churns and small old garden implements (nothing valuable please) to display in the Church for Harvest Festival. Please contact Carole, 07976 720170.

► Quality items and promises required for a **SILENT AUCTION** to be held in Bedmond Village Hall on 21st October to raise funds for the community of Kyambai, Kenya. Please contact Nora on 264854.

► **SARAH & LUCY REEVE** have been walking all night on the London **Shine Marathon** in aid of Cancer Research UK - there is a sponsor form on the table - it's not too late to support them!

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

