

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

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



23rd September 2018

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY

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

9.30 am Parish Communion with Seekers and Creche in St Lawrence
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 9 (vv 1,3,5,7) - 334 - 26 - 549 - 73 - 354
Readers: Phill Higgs & Brenda Southorn
Intercessor: Nikki Williams

11.15 am Holy Communion at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
Hymns: 9 (vv 1,3,5,7) - 334 - 26 - 354
Reader: Linda Ball

12.30 pm Christening for Henry Coakley in
St Lawrence

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

7.30 pm Confirmation Course begins in the
Breakspear Room

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer in St Lawrence

9.30 am Monday to Friday

Evening Prayer in St Lawrence

5.15 pm Monday to Friday

Holy Communion in St Lawrence

10.15 am Wednesday

Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence

11.00 am Wednesday (Corpus Christi Chapel)

Early Prayer in St Lawrence

8.15 am Thursday

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.

Unfortunately, the 9.30 am service is, at present, **sound live** only on 'www.thesundayervice.org'. We hope to get pictures back soon.



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 for those aged 3 to 10 years (start in church), not 2nd Sunday each month;

Creche in the 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 God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Jeremiah 11.18-20 Bible page 723

The prophet has found that he is without honour in his own country. In his attempt to bring the Israelites to an awareness of how their behaviour has led them away from God and how God will punish them if they do not reform, Jeremiah has created enemies for himself. In this he acts as a precursor for Christ, although unlike Christ, Jeremiah resents his enemies as much as they resent him. It was Christ who broke away from requiring God to avenge him, thus releasing us from the need to maintain feuds or bear grudges.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.1-11 Bible page 194

In poetic language, Paul describes the means of our salvation. Christ, co-eternal with God, humbles himself and takes on human form, identifying with us to the point of death, from which God exalts him over all things. We are called to participate in that salvation, not by working it out for ourselves, but by following Christ's example of humility and obedience.

GOSPEL Mark 9.30-37 Bible page 43

It is very hard to discard our usual ways of measuring our own worth, which is by competition and comparison between ourselves. God is not interested in who is best, holiest, kindest, bravest, most industrious. He is only interested in how much we love him and that is how he judges us. Children often have a quite unselfconscious love of God, much as they usually love their parents. That is how we are to love God too.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ANTHEM at 9.30 am 'Blest are the Pure in Heart' - Walford Davies

Blest are the pure in heart
For they shall see our God
The secret of the Lord is theirs
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

FOR OUR PRAYERS



GIVE THANKS FOR

- » release from the need to compete and struggle for love and attention
- » God's everlasting care and goodness towards us

PRAY FOR

- » our ability to focus on our relationship with God, not our standing among our peers
- » desire for the glory of God
- » Henry Coakley to be christened in St Lawrence today
- » those who live in Pryor Close, Queens Drive, Rayleigh House
- » those who worship at the Tin Church, Bedmond

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Jean Harris : Betty Harris : Ben : Doreen Clarke : Lance : Sean Brosnan : Vanessa : Ewan Mander : Hazel Muskett

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off is Thursday

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Numbers 11.4-6,10-16; Psalm 19.7-end; James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 24th

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

TUESDAY 25th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 7.00 pm Youth Club in the church hall

WEDNESDAY 26th

- 10.15 am Holy Communion in St Lawrence
- 10.30 am Carers' Network meet in the Methodist hall
- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in the Corpus Christi Chapel
- 7.45 pm Choir practice in St Lawrence

THURSDAY 27th

- 12.00 noon Bell Toll for WWI soldier Donald Monk

FRIDAY 28th

- 10.00 am Craft Morning in the Tin Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee in the Henderson Hub, Abbots Langley High Street
- 2.00 pm Craft & Conversation in the Breakspear Room
- 6.15 pm Youth Choir in the Breakspear Room

NEXT SUNDAY

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

30th September 2018

- 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 & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 11.15 am Holy Communion** at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 12.30 am Christening** of Talia Street in St Lawrence
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer** in St Lawrence
Leader: The Revd Peter Waddell
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Course** in the Breakspear Room

NOTICES

► A **CONFIRMATION COURSE** starts this evening at 7.30 pm in the Breakspear Room - please speak to Peter if you would like to find out more, or just come along.

► **HARVEST** - both churches will be supporting the Watford Foodbank (see below for specific items needed) -

In the Tin Church - Harvest Supper on Friday 5th October at 7.00 pm - please speak to Wendy Ball if you would like a ticket; Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October at 11.15 am.

In St Lawrence - Harvest Festival at 11.00 am (no 9.30 am service) on Sunday 14th October followed by Harvest Lunch - please sign the list in church. If you can help with harvest flowers on Saturday 13th October please sign that list.

► **WATFORD FOODBANK** - current needs are pasta sauces, and canned food, especially meat, fish, vegetables and fruit; as well as all the usual - also toiletries; there is a box at the back of church.

► Bedmond Village Task Force will be holding its next **KEEP BEDMOND BEAUTIFUL** litter picking & bulb planting event on Saturday 13th October. Meet at 10.00 am at the Tin Church. Litter pickers will be provided – please bring own gloves. Refreshments will be available in the Tin Church.

► Bedmond Village Task Force's **COMMUNITY CAFE** will be open from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month: 17th October, 21st November and 19th December in the Tin Church. An opportunity to get together for a chat over a cuppa with homemade cakes. Hot soup and rolls served from 11.30 am. All proceeds to the Bedmond Village Task Force to enable it to continue its work in the Community

► The next Friends of the Tin Church event will be a talk on Friday 19th October at 7.30 pm in Bedmond Village Hall called "**BEDMOND PAST AND PRESENT**". John Noonan, a long-time local resident takes us on a trip down memory lane as he compares the village as it was and is now. Entry: £3 to include refreshments. The Tin Church will be open from 6.30 to 7.15 pm for anyone wishing to visit it before the Talk in the Village Hall.

MESSY CHURCH - Wednesday, 10th October, 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!

► **OUTLOOK** (Church magazine) is available for September - please take a copy (40p).

► **RED BOX APPEAL** - please put your donations of sanitary wear in the 'red box' at the back of St Lawrence in support of young women in our local schools.

► If you would like to pay for (or arrange yourself) **A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** in memory of someone or in celebration of an event, in either church, please speak to the office about dates for St Lawrence; or Wendy Ball for dates at Bedmond.

► **TOWNSEND CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL** has its Open Evening on Wednesday 26th September from 6.00 to 8.45 pm for all those interested in looking around for schooling in Year 7 and upwards. There are flyers at the back of church with further details.

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

