

NOTICES

► **GRATEFUL THANKS** to all those who helped decorate the Tin Church this weekend and those who have donated **Harvest Produce over the two weekends** which will be split between Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project and Rickmansworth Food Bank.

► **ENVELOPES** at the back of church for all those on Planned Giving. Over half have moved their planned giving over to the **Parish Giving Scheme** and new people have signed up; if you are still unsure please speak to Marcus or Peter.

► Theatre trip to see Gershwin's **CRAZY FOR YOU** at the Wycombe Swan starring Tom Chambers on Thursday 8th February. £45pp including ticket and coach - please sign the list in St Lawrence.

► The Friends of St Lawrence **ANNUAL QUIZ** is different this year - it is General Knowledge with an extra Quiz for the youngsters (so a BOGOF!) and all for the bargain price of £1! It is available today. Judy Roe has circulated copies to various people or Brenda Southorn and the Church Office will have extra copies if you need them. Good Luck! We hope you get lots of family fun from it!

► **MOTHERS' UNION SUBSCRIPTIONS** are due: £28.50; cheques payable to 'St Lawrence Abbots Langley MU'. Also for those members who receive **Families First**, the cost is £10.50 for the year. All payments to the office or Mike Jefford.

► Volunteers needed for **MAKING CAKES** in mid October for local school teachers on parents' evenings; and for **GARDENING** in Bedmond School, helping the pupils - please use the sign up lists if you can help with either.

► Quality items and promises required for a **SILENT AUCTION** in Bedmond Village Hall on Saturday 21st October to raise funds for the community of Kyambai, Kenya. Please contact Nora on 264854 if you have items or for tickets if you would like to go along to bid.

► The **MEMORIAL VASE** this week is sponsored by Lynn Lythaby on what would have been her Golden Wedding Anniversary to John. Last week's was sponsored by Greta Mowat in memory of John.

MALAWI - thanks to all those who supported the **Tough Ten** runners - if you sponsored them please pay the money to Wendy Meldrum! Fundraising continues with a **Table Top Sale** during coffee today. Then on Friday 3rd November there is a **Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper** in the Henderson Hub - tickets £13.50 each, on sale today. If you have any **lavender** you could donate to Eve Durntall she is making lavender bags to sell for Malawi funds, please hand to the office.

► 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 Church - a notice is displayed on the porch door.

► Before you next shop online remember to sign up to **EASYFUNDRAISING** - to help raise funds, especially as you order your Christmas gifts. Use this link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlabbotslangley.

► It is intended to set up a **FRIENDS OF THE TIN CHURCH**. If you would like to be involved please come along to a meeting in the church on Monday 6th November at 8.00 pm.

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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

15th October 2017

THE EIGHTEENTH 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
Readers: Chris Sanders & Pat Hibberd
Intercessor: Wendy Meldrum
Hymns: 393 - 63 - How shall I sing - 500 - 549 - 514

11.00 am Harvest Festival at Bedmond
President & Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter Waddell
Hymns: ?????
Reader: Anne Goldsmith

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

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 refreshments in the hall after the service.



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 at 9.30 am

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Isaiah 25.1-9 Bible page 662

When someone is said to speak prophetically, it is often a euphemism for warnings of doom and destruction in the wake of wickedness of a group or a nation. Here, however, is a wonderful vision of the restoration of God's people based on his deeds of care and protection in the past. God's loving mercy and forgiveness offers his people life, joy and dignity. We can take hope from this vision as much today as the Israelites did in Isaiah's time.

SECOND READING Philippians 4.1-9 Bible page 196

Here is another group which has endured great difficulty and persecution being offered encouragement. Note the naming of two women leaders of this group who evidently didn't always agree. The early church has much to teach us, not only from doing things well, but also by making mistakes and receiving advice and rebuke from Paul and the other apostles. Paul doesn't dwell on this, but moves quickly on to remind them of God's loving presence and encourage them to continue in the Christian life.

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14 Bible page 23

It is easy to read this passage as criticism of the Jews, casting ourselves as the passers-by unexpectedly invited to the wedding banquet. The final part of this parable shows, however, that we too can be guilty of taking God's love and generosity for granted. Our invitation to the feast may be unexpected, but we should still respond with gratitude and appropriate behaviour.

POST COMMUNION: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS at 11.00 am

COLLECT: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.**

GOSPEL Luke 12.16-30 Bible page 71

This parable is particularly resonant in a world where so many go hungry. The piling up of wealth and possessions (and food) while so many lack even the basic necessities of life is an affront to God. We forget what it is to depend on the land: Jesus reminds us that God does provide, and enough for everyone, if we will share it.

POST COMMUNION: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

GIVE THANKS FOR

- » our calling to the wedding banquet in heaven
- » opportunities to grow in faith

PRAY FOR

- » receptiveness to the invitation to the feast
- » those who worship at the Methodist Church
- » those who live in Sergehill Lane; Shackleton Way; Shaftesbury Way

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

- » Sheila Hayes (Debbie Herrington's mum) : Maureen Chester and her husband Stan : Claire Argent-Phillips & Harry : Ben : Jenny Izzard : Ewan Mander : Sonya : Brenda Murphy : Ian Hampton : Leslie Durnall : Hazel Muskett

R.I.P.

- » Joan O'Brien (The Garth) : Billy Crush

ANTHEM AT 9.30 am

Look at the World, music and text by John Rutter

Look at the world: Everything all around us
Look at the world: and marvel everyday
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders
So many miracles along our way

*Praise to thee O lord for all creation
give us thankful hearts that we may see
all the gifts we share and every blessing
all things come of thee*

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river field and plain.

Praise to thee O lord for all creation...

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winters cold
Everything grows, everything has a season
Til' it is gathered to the fathers fold.

Praise to thee O lord for all creation...

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the lord in token of his love
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty
His is the earth and his the heavens above

Praise to thee O lord for all creation...

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY 16th

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

TUESDAY 17th

- 10.15 am Tuesday Coffee in the Breakspear Room
- 8.00 pm Mothers' Union meets in the Breakspear Room

WEDNESDAY 18th St Luke the Evangelist

10.15 am Holy Communion

- 11.00 am Quiet Reflection in St Lawrence
- 12.00 noon Home Communion at Abbeyfield
- 7.45 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY 19th

- 2.15 pm Funeral of Billy Crush in St Lawrence followed by cremation

FRIDAY 20th

- 10.00 am Craft Group in Bedmond Church
- 10.00 am AHAL Coffee Morning in the Henderson Hub
- 2.00 pm Wedding of Paul Stenning and Holly Noonan at Bedmond
- 2.00 pm Craft and Conversation in the Breakspear Room

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with Seekers and Creche**
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11.30 am Christening for Edward Glasgow

6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Leader: Sally Sanderson

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 45.1-7; 1Thessalonians 1.1-10
Matthew 22.15-22

AVAILABILITY

Peter's day off - Thursday